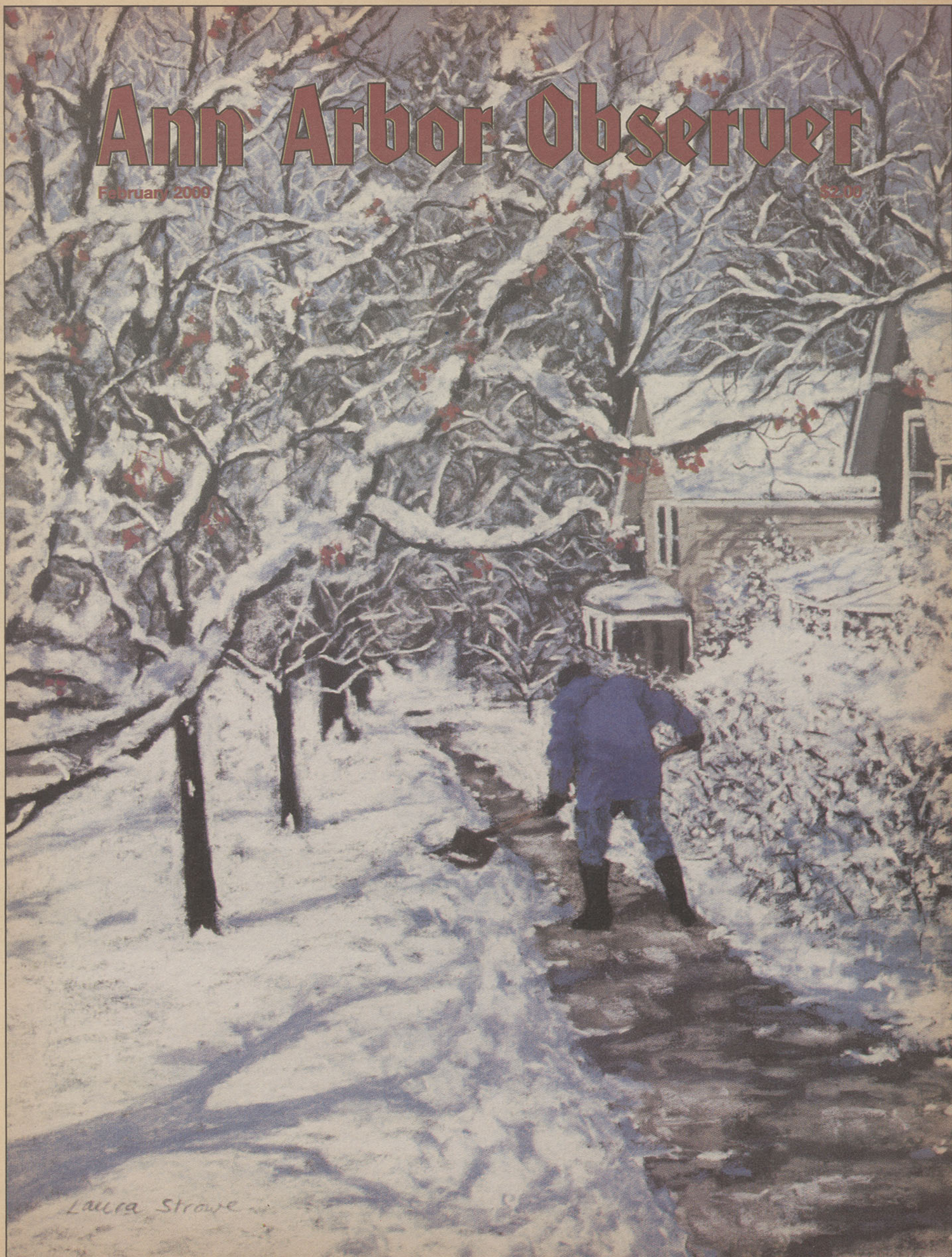


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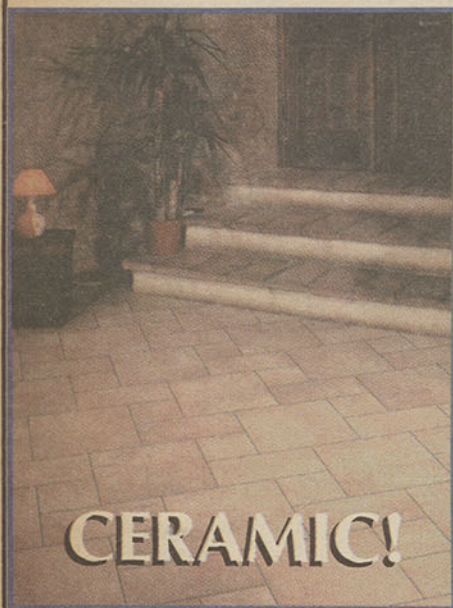
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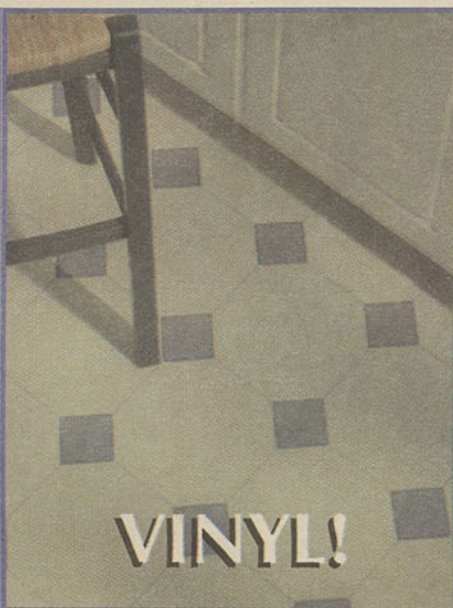


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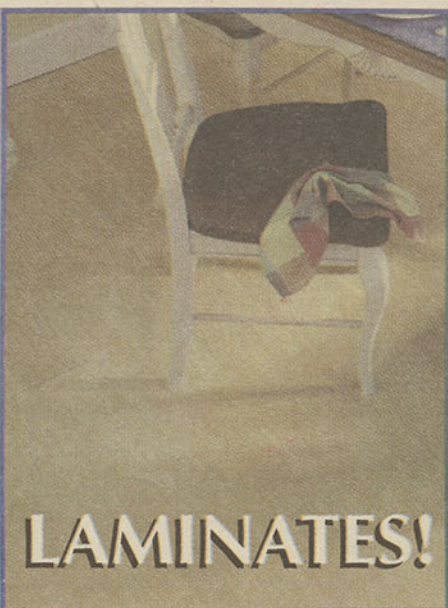
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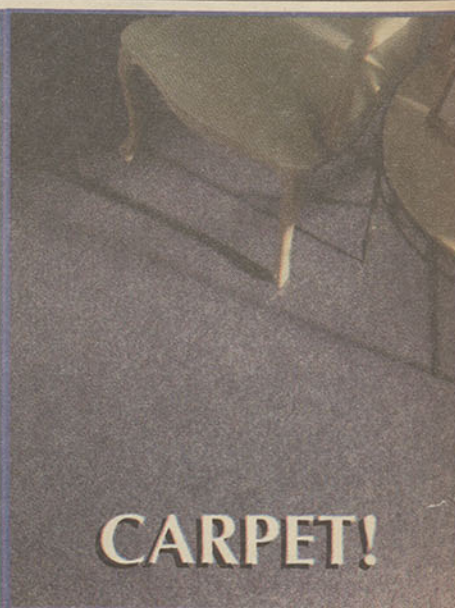
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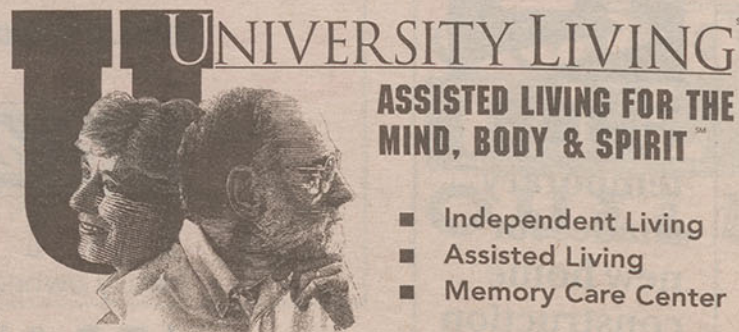
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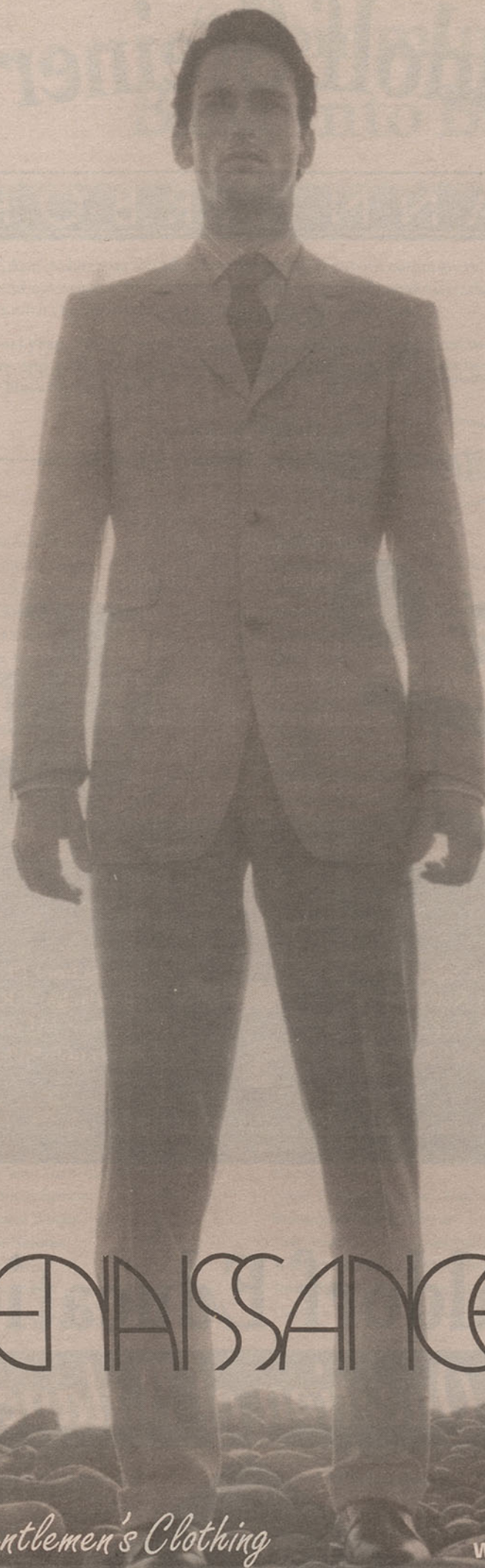
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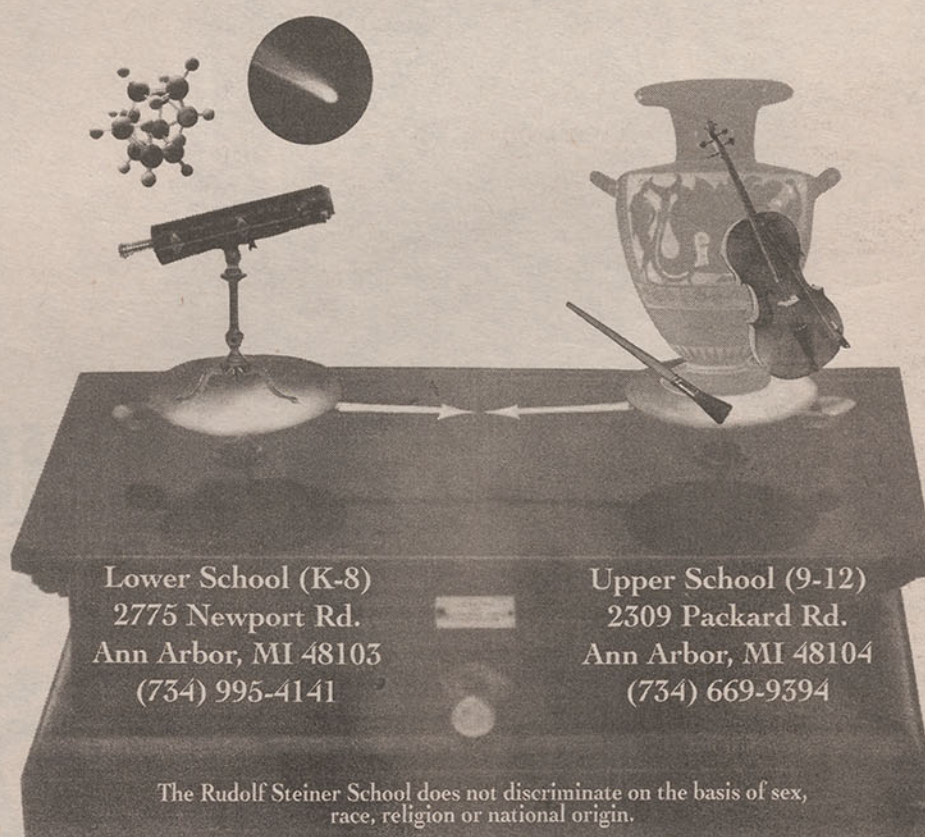
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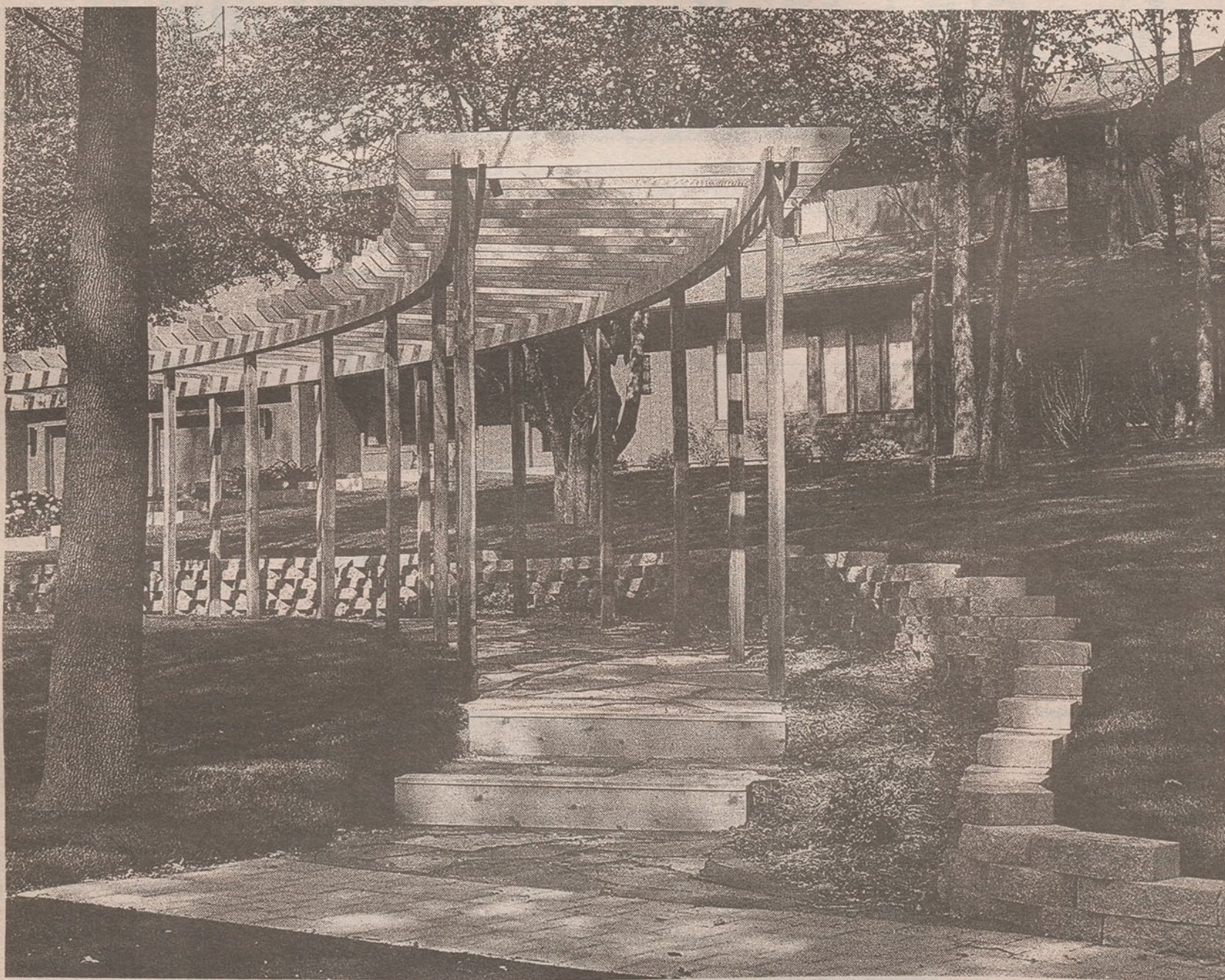
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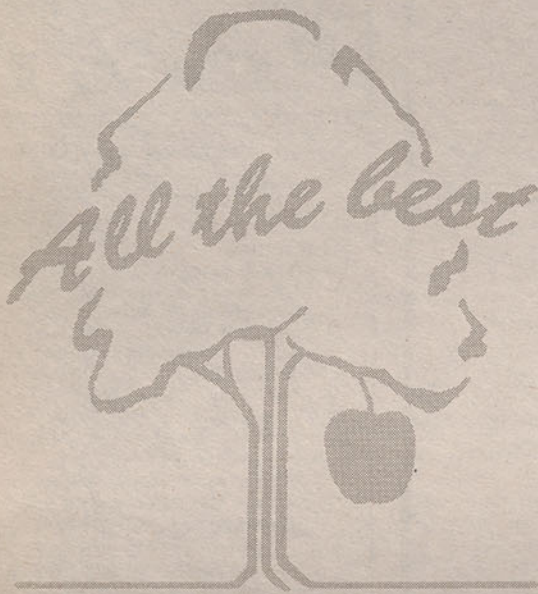
A team of 17 Forsythe 6th, 7th and 8th graders finished 1st in Michigan out of 27 teams in the Knowledge Master Open. This team competition tests students' ability to work together to answer questions in all the subject areas, at all levels of difficulty.

The Forsythe team scored 1,563 points out of a possible 2,000. The average score for all Michigan teams was 1,250 points. On the national level, Forsythe placed 18th out of 1,003 teams. The national mean score was 1,216 points.

The members of the Forsythe team were: 6th graders Amy Li and Noah Weber, 7th graders Katie Johnson, Jamie Ling, Alex Reynolds, Maria Riolo and Kati Shanks and 8th graders Aaron Baugh, Hannah Ensor, Alice Holbrook, Eric Huston, Ricky Lawrence, Jeff Nerenz, Marie Penner-Hahn, Megan Polich and Kur Robin. Dan Ezekiel has served as the Knowledge Master Open coach at Forsythe for 17 years and counting.

We also want to congratulate Slauson's team, under new coaching by Maria Murphy and Marci Harris. They had a fine score of 1,369, which put them in 8th place for Michigan teams.

First place in the nation went to Sycamore School in Indianapolis with a score of 1,714. Congratulations to all!



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Project Education Presents International Quilt

The Board of Education received a gift of a quilt made by students from Stone School's English as a Second Language (ESL) Adult Program, in appreciation of the commitment and support given to the ESL Program by the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Gayl Dybdahl, Principal of Adult and Project Education, introduced the presenters.

The ESL program serves on an average 350 non-native English speaking adults per semester. The current student population represents 27 countries. The majority of these students are permanent residents of Ann Arbor.

The student presenters were: Tracy Wang, Lillian Su, Linda Diego de Fuentes and Andrea Camargo. Also present were Joo Hong Shin and Rikoko Sawai. The quilt, with squares representing 15 countries, symbolizes the connection of many different nationalities and cultures within our community.

The quilt is currently on display near the Superintendent's Office in Balas I. It will be moved in January to a permanent exhibit at Stone School. Our thanks to all students who contributed to this magnificent work of art!

School Board Approves Contract for Strategic Plan

The Board has approved a Strategic Plan Consultant Contract to the firm of Dannemiller Tyson Associates for \$35,000. The purpose of the strategic plan consultants will be to develop a process to align the goals and vision of the district with a plan for implementation. The plan will develop processes for community engagement, reporting guidelines and evaluation.

The strategic plan is expected to be completed by June of 2000. The planning process and the procedures recommended will be revisited as needed.

Theatre Artists Come to Roberto Clemente

During the second semester of the 1999-00 school year, the Purple Rose Theatre Company of Chelsea will bring ten theatre artists to Roberto Clemente Student Development Center to develop theatre programs for students.

This collaborative is made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, along with funds from the MONY Foundation. It will provide instruction and experience in various aspects of theatre arts. In addition to the classroom aspect of the program, the artists will be providing workshops for teachers and performances for groups.

Community Graduate Wins Marshall Scholarship

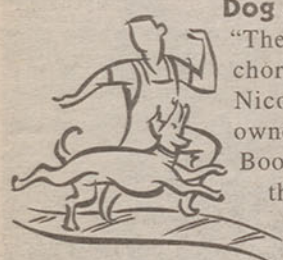
A 1995 graduate of Community High School—Chavi Keeney Nana—is one of 40 Americans to be awarded the Marshall Scholarship to study at Oxford University in Britain next year. Winners are selected for their intellectual distinction and their potential to become leaders in their fields and make a contribution to society. Ms. Nana is a double major in International Relations and German.

Two years ago another Community High student, Fiona Rose, was granted a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University while a student at the University of Michigan. The Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships are this nation's two highest academic awards.

For information on these, or any other program of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, please contact Dr. Deb Small, Executive Director for Community Relations, at 734-994-2236. (Ad design by Wendy Everett)

UP FRONT

Commercial zoo: Watching the rise of the impressive new Central Academy charter school on South Industrial Highway reminded us of the **strange evolution** of that mile-long boulevard linking Stadium and Eisenhower. It was designed in the late 1950s as a kind of service corridor to the city—a hidden-away row of wholesale suppliers and light industry. It has become instead easily the **most heterogeneous avenue** in town. The eighty-odd businesses there include dozens of little retail shops selling everything from liquor to toothpaste to used clothing. And you'll find scads of services (a bowling alley, printers, mailers, a massage parlor, a hot tub emporium, a dance studio, a limousine service, and a furniture stripper, to name a few). There are also, of course, the bigger businesses for which the concrete road, first paved in 1961, was originally intended: Gross Electric, Hutzl Plumbing & Heating, MediaOne's cable complex, the sprawling AATA headquarters, Shurgard Storage, Special Metals Corp. At the Eisenhower end are several corporate office parks. Nearer Stadium is a 538-unit apartment complex, Woodbury Gardens. Altogether, South Industrial presents the visitor with a rather **ragged, ad hoc streetscape**. But it's turned out to be an interesting, almost **mysterious medley**, the antithesis of sterile, homogeneous zoning, an unintended triumph of **capitalistic anarchy** over planning.



Dog stories sell:

"They touched a chord." So says Nicola Rooney, owner of Nicola's Books, describing the brisk sales of two locally written works.

Psychologist Rob Pasick's *Conversations with My Old Dog* is a collection of poems that detail the warm relationship between the author and Lucy, his beloved and, eventually, dying yellow Lab. *Gas Station Charlie*, a children's book featuring photographs by Saline's Doris Keys Kraushaar and text by her daughter-in-law, Karen Grassmuck Kraushaar, tells the true story of a golden retriever who learned to carry credit cards and cash back and forth for customers at a Saline gas station. Pasick sold over 600 copies of his book in a month, the Kraushaars over 3,000. "We're overwhelmed," says Doris Kraushaar. In addition to selling 362 books at Nicola's, they collected a host of on-line orders after their website was linked to a site devoted to golden retrievers.



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"I'm getting the fifteen minutes of fame that Andy Warhol promised me."

So says Ann Arbor cookie artist Brenda Oelbaum of her upcoming (February 29) appearance on the Home and Garden cable show *Savoir Faire*. Host Nik Manojlovich—"the Martha Stewart of Canada," according to Oelbaum—extended the invitation after he encountered her delivering cookies to a fancy Detroit party. "If it can be imagined," Oelbaum promises, "I can design a cookie. You want a portrait of your hundred-year-old grandmother, I can do it. I've done naughty things," she adds, coyly mentioning the "Clinton cookie," an anatomically correct phallus she created for a stag party. She uses an artist's brush and special food coloring paste to decorate her cookies, which sell for anywhere from \$3 to \$60 (for an intricate wildlife design that fit in with a bar mitzvah theme). Oelbaum, who has struggled with weight issues, says that regarding a cookie as a work of art, albeit temporary, keeps away the temptation to nibble. Her two small children have no such qualms, she reports—though they do sometimes ungraciously demand store-bought cookies.



I didn't know the gun was loaded: Leave it to the *Chronicle of Higher Education* to provide the most

lurid account of a U-M fraternity hazing incident that led to criminal charges against the student who pulled the trigger:

"After drinking from a keg of beer stashed in the basement of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house at the University of Michigan last month, a group of pledges **stripped to their boxer shorts** and lined up, ready to endure their next **torturous test of brotherhood**. As two other fraternity members looked on, a 'pledge educator' pointed what he thought was an unloaded BB gun at the pledges' various body parts—eyes, temples, groins, backs—and pulled the trigger, discharging nothing but compressed air and a loud pop, according to police. **He was simply trying to scare them**. When he approached the seventh student in line, the 'educator' pointed the gun downward, **two inches away from the pledge's penis**, and fired. This time, a pellet shot out. The nineteen-year-old shooting victim **underwent surgery**, Alpha Epsilon Pi suspended the chapter, and the university began an investigation into what it calls a 'deplorable hazing incident.' And college fraternities had to deal with yet another blow to their tainted public image."



School lunches:

Pioneer High School students give their Marriott-catered lunches a **little less than a C+ grade**, according to our informal survey of thirty diners. Despite the din of hundreds of voices in the giant cafeteria, we found the inmates well behaved. A student's launch of a rubber band missile was **the most belligerent act** witnessed during the oddly scheduled 10:33–11:25 lunch hour. Student tastes are a nutritionist's nightmare: french fries, pizza, and bagels were the overwhelming favorite dishes mentioned by interviewees. Not many opted for the \$2.10 entree of the day: chicken nuggets, which came with french fries, salad, fruit, and milk. Sign of our **busy, affluent times**: few students brought lunches from home.



Guy talk: One afternoon we found the cafe in Borders on Washtenaw crowded with solitary newspaper read-

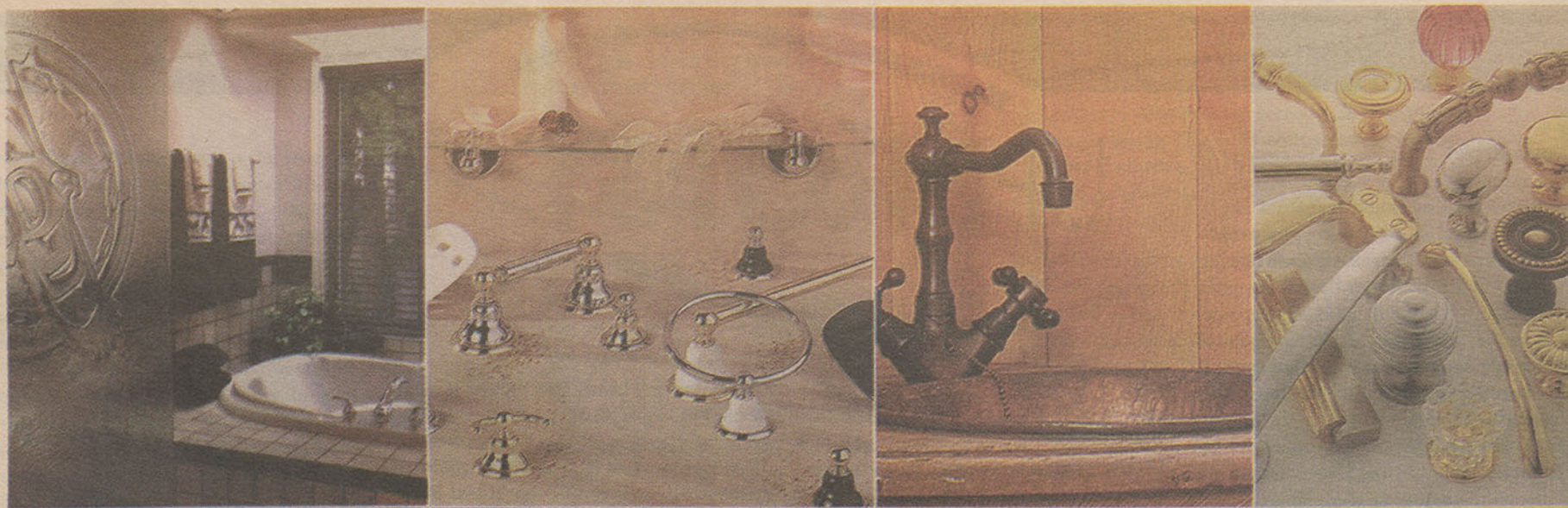
ers, pairs of women leaning together in quiet conversation, a few writers hunched over laptops, students covering tables with textbooks and notebooks, moms and kids with foam-topped drinks, young couples reading together separately, and a few people with stacks of magazines gleaned from the racks. Amid this sedate scene, a man with a loud voice conducted a private conversation publicly on a cell phone—using a headset, no less—drawing **some annoyed glances**. And he wasn't alone. Two other men, who appeared to be in their thirties, sat at the same table, and each of them was speaking into his own cell phone. They were joined by a fourth, who announced to us all, "This is like a *New Yorker* cartoon!"

Bush??? If 1999 presidential campaign contributions through last September 30 are any indication, Ann Arbor is solidly in the Bush camp. Folks in the Ann Arbor area gave **\$227,696** to the Texas governor, compared to just \$25,505 to Bradley and \$12,950 to Gore. Per capita, no other Michigan metro area came close to matching the total campaign contributions coughed up here.

Coming in last . . . If you're a Zingerman's fan, you probably know the most popular sandwiches—the

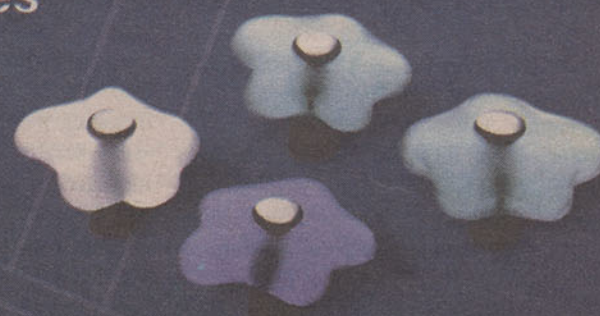
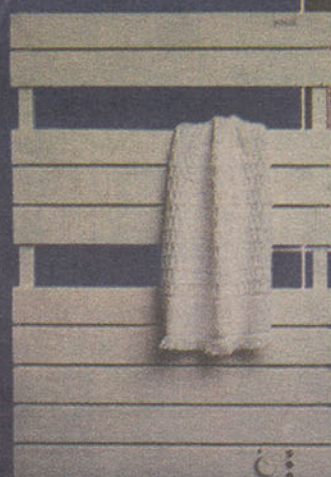


Reuben, the Georgia Reuben (turkey instead of corned beef), Tarb's Tenacious Tenure (avocado-turkey-Russian dressing grilled on farm bread with Muenster cheese), the Oswald (a plain old corned beef sandwich named after a veteran employee who left for Colorado this fall). But do you know the **least popular** Zingerman's sandwich? To learn that, we had to grill Zingerman's chef (the first to assume that lofty title since co-founder Ari Weinzweig abdicated some years ago), Thad Gillies. An EMU marketing student, Gillies joined Zingerman's after **falling in love with a woman named Ann** and moving to town in 1991. He worked his way up to running the kitchen, took a two-year leave to work at two four-star restaurants in New York, came back a couple of years ago as chef, and has been tinkering with the menu ever since. Ironically enough, Gillies points out, the least popular of Zingerman's eighty sandwiches is **the one he named after his vegetarian wife**. He calls it "Ann's Palatable Pallet." "It's a roasted eggplant sandwich," Gillies explains, "with a Mediterranean yogurt sauce, Spanish paprika, and a little bit of radicchio." Although in eightieth place in Zingerman's sandwich sweepstakes, the chef points out his beloved number twelve has a cult following. "It's unusual, too, because it has the lowest fat on the menu."



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Chief Carl Ent Falls

The Police Department is rocked to its foundations in the wake of multiple promotion lawsuits.

The surprisingly swift exit of Ann Arbor police chief Carl Ent leaves multiple mysteries in its wake. Most conspicuous is why Ent and assistant city attorney Stacey Washington exceeded clear-cut city council guidelines in settling a lawsuit filed by a police officer passed over for promotion. This was the critical blooper that triggered Ent's resignation under duress, but it is far from the most significant aspect of the sad saga.

City administrator Neal Berlin may have been eager to find any tangible grounds to oust the affable, forty-eight-year-old chief. Despite Ent's popularity and connections in the Ann Arbor community—vividly demonstrated by a flood of supportive letters to the *Ann Arbor News*—his relationships with his own subordinates were often rocky. Lieutenant Don Leach was only the latest of three AAPD officers to successfully sue the city after being passed over for promotion by Ent. All three won cash settlements in excess of \$100,000, as well as promises of promotion.

If it weren't for the bizarre irregularities in the Leach settlement, however, Ent would probably be chief to this day. After council had approved terms for the settlement, Ent and Washington agreed to increase the award by \$25,000, and to add a date by which Leach would be promoted. These unauthorized additions may have been an honest mistake, and didn't add much to the multiple lawsuits' cost to the city in terms of money, manpower, and morale. Nonetheless, Berlin pounced on the irregularity and used it to swiftly ease Ent out.

Lawsuits involving employment decisions have blossomed in recent years, in part because attorneys have been looking for new avenues of litigation after legislation truncated once-plentiful tort opportunities. Even so, the three suits against Ent during his five-year tenure are a lot for a department of 200-odd officers.

The high frequency of lawsuits and the broader unhappiness with Ent within the department are partially due to the circumstances under which he was hired in 1995. At that time the city was gung ho to expand its new community policing program, and it wanted a new chief who was uncommonly community minded to implement it. To an unprecedented degree, citizen groups played a prominent role in the chief's selection, and Ent, previously chief of police in Muncie, Indiana, demonstrated an outstanding ability to relate well

with the citizenry.

But as the new chief came on board, there was already a sense within the department that this unwieldy show-and-tell process had not attracted a very talented pool of candidates. So even upon his arrival in Ann Arbor, Ent was facing a less-than-admiring corps of cops. Moreover, he was an outsider whose demeanor could remind one more of television's Mister Rogers than of a veteran police officer. The AAPD was accustomed to tough, incisive leadership from its chief. In Ent officers saw a warm and fuzzy kind of guy, just the sort that might please a citizenry better known for its liberal, touchy-feely proclivities than for demanding tough, honest policing. Not even the city administrator at the time, Al Gatta, was enthusiastic over the choice of Ent—he had been informed by the police hierarchy that none of the finalists for the job was worthy to be Ann Arbor's top cop. But Gatta was himself on the way to a new job elsewhere; bowing to city council's obvious preference, he recommended Ent for the job.

Coming from a small Indiana city also put the new chief at a disadvantage. In Muncie, police officers weren't even unionized. In Ann Arbor, Ent immediately had to deal with strong unions representing everyone from patrol officers to deputy chiefs. The department has a history of hiring bright officers who aren't afraid to speak their minds, and with the clout of their unions behind them, officers didn't hesitate to stand up to the new chief.

In addition to the three who sued, a fourth officer, Craig Flocken, filed a grievance charging that he'd been passed over for promotion because of his involvement with the patrol officers' union. An arbitrator agreed and ordered Flocken promoted. This high-profile dispute helped brand Ent as anti-union, and more grievances followed.

Ent was also undermined by old enemies from Muncie who kept feeding unflattering snippets to Ann Arbor officers. One tale, snidely called "Uncle Carlos and the Big Wheel Bicycle," alleged that he used departmental funds to buy a bike for the son of a Hispanic woman he was involved with. Word also spread that in Muncie, Ent had admitted to having sex in the back of his patrol car, and that the local newspaper had attacked him for using \$500 in departmental funds to enter his daughter in a soapbox derby. No one here knew how true these and other tales were, but they fanned the flames of conflict between Ann Arbor cops and their chief.

• Ent's situation was all the more difficult because of his mandate to reorient the

department toward community policing. That shift stressed people skills in officers and affected many aspects of departmental operations—including promotion criteria.

Few things a chief can do are more internally sensitive than his decisions on whom to promote. From sergeant through deputy chief, the decisions are his alone. But the highly structured ranking process in the unionized AAPD included written test scores, scores given by outside officers after interviews, and the ratings of command officers. All were combined to reach a final numerical score, used to rank the eligible candidates. Officers vying for promotion are keenly aware of where they stand on that list.

If Ent wanted to make promotions that overrode these rankings and still maintain harmony, he had a lot of cogent explaining to do. Before he came, chiefs had tended to deviate from the rankings mainly to elevate women and minorities, both groups greatly underrepresented on the force. But the chief is free to choose anyone from those in the top half of the list—and Ent exercised that prerogative freely.

Ent did not respond to interview requests, so we can only speculate about his motives. Certainly, he may reasonably have felt that his mandate to change the department's focus gave him license to step over the more traditional and mechanical means of choosing whom to promote. In moving the department in a more public- or people-conscious direction, Ent may have put

more weight on traits that reflected interpersonal capabilities, and he may well have felt that his best guide in that area was his own intuition of a candidate's strengths and weaknesses.

Whatever Ent's motives for his promotion decisions were, it's clear that many officers doubted he'd made the best choices. They complained that he promoted officers he liked rather than those most deserving.

So the lawsuits challenging Ent's promotion practices are not a complete surprise. What is somewhat startling is that he lost every one of these challenges. Suits over promotion decisions are typically much more difficult to win than decisions over suspensions or terminations, and strong evidence of discrimination must be provided. Yet in the three cases that went to circuit court, mediators indicated every time that Ent appeared to have discriminated, in turn, against a woman, a minority (Pakistani) officer, and a person with a history of depression.

Reading through the voluminous depositions in these court cases (they form a stack several feet high) makes it easy to sympathize with Ent as he attempted to defend his failure to pro-



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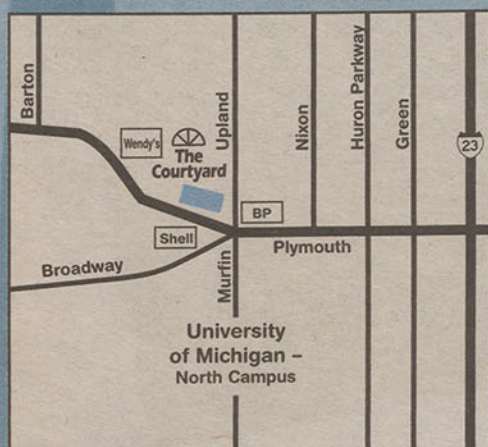
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mote a given person under hostile and lengthy questioning by plaintiffs' attorneys. A boss's inability to articulate coherently and persuasively his reasons for promoting or not promoting someone does not necessarily mean that his decisions were bad ones. But in the litigious climate of the 1990s workplace, the chief's clumsy explanations for why a given person hadn't made the grade and someone else had looked unconvincing. Some think an aggravating factor was the long-standing weakness of the city's Human Resources Department, which presumably should have noticed the recurring problems at the AAPD and helped Ent develop legally defensible promotion policies.

Aside from what they say about Ent, the depositions are a frightening example of what employee lawsuits can do to an organization. When the courts took on the job of second-guessing the fairness of promotion decisions, the Police Department was suddenly at the mercy of lawyers determined to dig up as much dirt as possible about the department and its officers. That's because the easiest way to defend against a promotion lawsuit is to reveal as much negative information as possible about the plaintiff. Plaintiffs' attorneys respond by trying to find as much as possible that is negative about *other* employees, including the boss, as a way of diminishing the relative significance of whatever criticisms are made of their clients. If you say my client used foul language and this shows her immaturity, what about what Employee X said at such-and-such a time?

In short, lawsuits over promotions are a prescription for organizational bloodletting. The court transcripts are rife with accusations of officer misdeeds and incompetencies, from barroom pranks and a drunken-driving arrest to painting the nose of the police dog with white correction fluid and parading it throughout the department. Given the enormous costs to departmental harmony of these mudslinging matches, some think Ent was spectacularly inept in letting the disputes go to court.

Most startling of all in the court documents is the testimony of the current interim chief, Walt Lunsford. Lunsford, who served as deputy chief longer than anyone else in department history, was scathing in his evaluation of Ent's three most recent appointments to deputy chief. He made it clear that he felt deputy chief Sherry Woods—whom Ent personally recommended as his own successor—hadn't even handled her lieutenant's job well. Lunsford testified that deputy chief Larry Jerue, whom Ent promoted all the way from sergeant, shouldn't have even been allowed to rejoin the department after leaving for another job, because of an impaired-driving conviction and supposed lack of dedication to the force. And he criticized deputy chief Gary Kistka as a person who "has a documented ability to throw gas on the fire. When there's already a problem, he seems to have the innate ability to make it worse." In a weird twist of fate, Lunsford now, as interim chief, has all three deputy chiefs serving

immediately under him.

But Lunsford also testified that he didn't believe Ent discriminated in promotion decisions for which he was sued. He faulted the fallen chief, instead, for using "incredibly poor personnel practices in either dealing with people or failing to deal effectively with people, and it has caused such controversy within the organization that it causes me heartache to watch it happen."

Critics charge that Ent left a trail of administrative snafus that led to formal grievances, feelings of being treated unfairly, and budgetary confusion. Command officers felt undercut by Ent decisions that, they subsequently would discover, overruled their own. When trying to decide whom to appoint as deputy chief, Ent wandered the corridors, asking everyone from file clerks on up who they thought would be good for the job.

Within the department, Ent came to be seen as concerned more with appearance than with substance. One critic cites the chief's reluctance to fire a young officer still on probation who had allegedly been caught telling a lie. The officer was black, and detractors thought Ent was afraid the dismissal would make the department look bad. But lying is one of the great taboos within the department, as Ent himself emphasized strongly in an Observer interview last spring.

After anguishing over the matter, Ent decided to keep the rookie on the force. He is said to have explained his decision in part by saying the department's reputation for not tolerating lying was "overrated." The tale sent shock waves of indignation through the department.

The situation got so bad that in April 1997 the then deputy chiefs—Lunsford, Craig Roderick, and David Miller (whom Ent himself had appointed)—asked to meet with city administrator Neal Berlin. They told Berlin that Ent no longer had their confidence as the city's police chief. Berlin is said to have answered that he had more pressing responsibilities than taking on Ent, who he knew was popular with the public. But Berlin did bring the deputy chiefs together with Ent and told all of them they needed to get along better. "You're damn right," Ent is said to have replied, looking Berlin squarely in the eye. "Because I'm not going to resign. You're going to have to fire me."

The meeting only further strained the chief's working relationship with his deputies. Lunsford and Miller both soon retired.

Ent is gone, but the fallout from his troubled time as chief continues. His detractors say that his close identification with community policing has made officers reluctant to embrace it. They now have to be coaxed to apply for community policing positions. And the patrol division, which was supposed to be integrated into the new ethos, has instead reverted to the old "You call, we haul" approach of simply responding to complaints, rather than the proactive outreach that Ent sought to inculcate. Perhaps the saddest outcome of his tenure is that it may have damaged the very thing he was brought in to strengthen: community policing.

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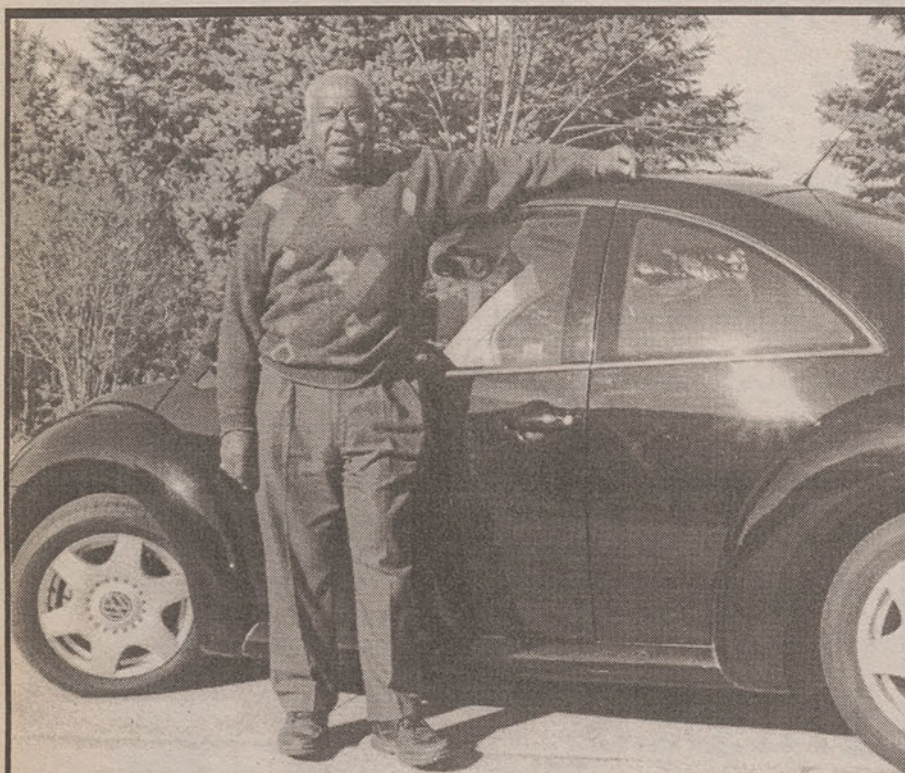
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Calls & Letters

The real wrongdoer

To the Observer:

The January Observer's article on the substitute teacher lawsuit was unfair to almost everyone involved, except the one wrongdoer—the Ann Arbor Public Schools. What the Observer has virtually ignored throughout the debacle is the fundamental point that the school district deliberately sought to deprive hundreds of its teachers of rights guaranteed by state statutes.

The unanimous decision of eleven judges at three court levels—the Washtenaw Circuit Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals, and the Michigan Supreme Court—was that the schools violated the law. Why then does the Observer label the teachers "litigious" for pursuing their recognized legal rights? This was particularly unfair, because 292 of the 297 teachers in the two cases did not initiate any legal action, but were automatically included because they fit the definition of a plaintiff class member.

The Observer blames the large settlement amounts on unspecified flaws in the legal system and the "surreal world of tort law." Sounding like an insurance company or other corporate defendant denouncing so-called "frivolous" lawsuits and "excessive" verdicts, the Observer makes two fundamental errors. First, this case was not a tort case at all. There were no damages awarded for pain and suffering or emotional distress. All settlements were based on calculable economic damages, primarily lost wages.

More importantly, not a single penny in settlements was awarded by an emotion-driven jury or by any judge with an agenda. The school district agreed to the payment of every cent, apparently believing that the damages amounts were, at least, a reasonable compromise in light of the court's rulings on the legal issues.

In a strange turnabout, the *Ann Arbor News* has done a fair, thorough, and accurate job of covering this story and has provided some well-reasoned editorial comment. By contrast, the Observer has supplied nothing but gossip, inaccurate reporting, and uninformed opinion masquerading as news items. Its readers have come to expect and deserve better. Sincerely,
Thomas F. Wieder

Wieder is correct that the substitute teacher case was not a tort case; we apologize for the error.

As we noted in our January Up Front, the Ann Arbor News has done an excellent job reporting this story. It's the paper's editorial claim that the teachers are the "victims" that seems like a stretch. The courts have clearly ruled that the waiver subs were asked to sign was illegal—but so far as we can tell, the

chief victim of that illegality was not the teachers, but the district itself. That's because administrators relied on the waiver when they allowed substitute teachers to work as much as they did. If the waiver had never existed, few of Wieder's 297 plaintiffs would have worked enough to claim full-time jobs—and they, and he, would be a good deal poorer today.

More Up Front feedback

U-M director of broadcasting Donovan Reynolds wrote to say that Up Front's "brief note about Michigan Radio's end-of-year fund drive may have left a false impression. Yes, we did solicit money for, among other things, 'custom furniture.' But we're not building golden chairs or marble tables. We need the money to build cabinetry for a new broadcast console and other equipment."

A representative of the Michigan Center for Cosmetic Surgery called to explain that the \$5,300 price quoted for removing "love handles" was for a relatively complex case involving liposuction from multiple sites. A single-site procedure costs about \$3,600.

Chris Loftus E-mailed to observe that while the number of gas stations in the city has declined steeply, the number of gas pumps may well have increased. "Back in the 1950s and 1960s when we had the most stations, each station had, what, three or four pumps?" Loftus asked rhetorically. "Today each station has between ten and fifteen pumps. The math is simple. In 1950, if each station had four pumps, that's a total of 348 pumps. Today, if each station has twelve pumps, that's a total of 360 pumps."

Whose produce?

Produce Station owner Rick Peshkin faxed a message saying that our January Marketplace Changes item on the Merchant of Vino/Whole Foods had given some customers the impression that "when a shopper buys produce at Whole Foods—Plymouth Road, there is a good chance it is the same product sold at the Produce Station. When Eddie Jonna and I teamed up at the Merchant of Vino [before the sale to Whole Foods], that was the case; but it clearly isn't now. The owners are different, the staff is different (at least in the produce department), and the product is different."

Asked about Peshkin's complaint, Merchant of Vino team leader Vince Falzone replies that he gets weekly deliveries from Peshkin's wholesale company, Frog Holler, using it to fill in when other produce suppliers fall through, as well as for specialty items like elephant garlic. But if Falzone sees the relationship as a glass half full, Peshkin plainly considers it mostly empty. Frog Holler, he says, sells regularly to the produce department at Whole Foods' East Stadium store, and occasionally to the deli at the Plymouth Road Merchant of Vino, but only "rarely" to the Plymouth Road produce department.

Joseph Steere's "home place"

Last month's story on pioneering naturalist Joseph Steere included a photo of his "home place" at 2461 Packard, but little information about the fate of the onetime farmhouse. Two readers got in touch to fill in the gap.

Deborah Eisler wrote to say that when she moved into the Independence Condominiums on Packard in the 1980s, a nearby lot "was occupied by a small home surrounded by overgrown, lush, unkempt trees and bushes. A little driveway off Packard Street led to the home, surrounded by a chain-link fence. In front was a small black mailbox with the sign 'STEERE.'" Eisler added that she'd spoken to another neighbor, city councilwoman Jean Carlberg, who recalled meeting two Steere descendants who lived in the house: "I believe she said she met two granddaughters of Joseph Steere."

In a phone call, Jean Stanger recalled that she, too, had met the Steere sisters. It was in the early 1980s, when Stanger was in charge of decorations at Cobblestone Farm. "One was married, one was a maiden lady," Stanger recalled. "They had a bookcase they wanted to donate to Cobblestone Farm." That bookcase is now the only surviving relic of the home that meant so much to Steere: all other traces were eradicated, Eisler noted sadly, when the Woods of Ann Arbor condos were built on the site in the mid-1990s. ■

OBSERVER SURVEY

For this month's issue we ventured into the heart of Ann Arbor's academic ghetto, Burns Park. Among the twenty households we surveyed, 85 percent had at least one member who works at the U-M.

- 83% have or have had children.
- 60% attend religious services.
- 53% say they find Ann Arbor property taxes a burden.
- 88% have household incomes of over \$100,000 a year.
- 44% agree with the statement "When Burns Park was developed, I wish a small section had been set aside for affordable housing."
- 59% term themselves "liberals."
- 18% term themselves "conservatives."
- 41% say their neighborhood is "very close knit."
- 33% agree with the statement "The high concentration of academics living in Burns Park creates an artificial social environment."
- 0% say they have attended a Burns Park social gathering that reminded them of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (although one person responded, "I wish").



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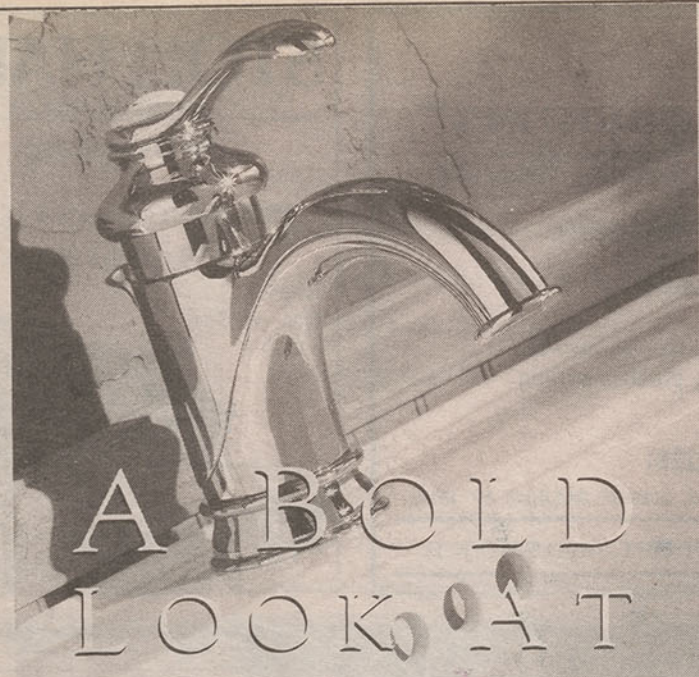
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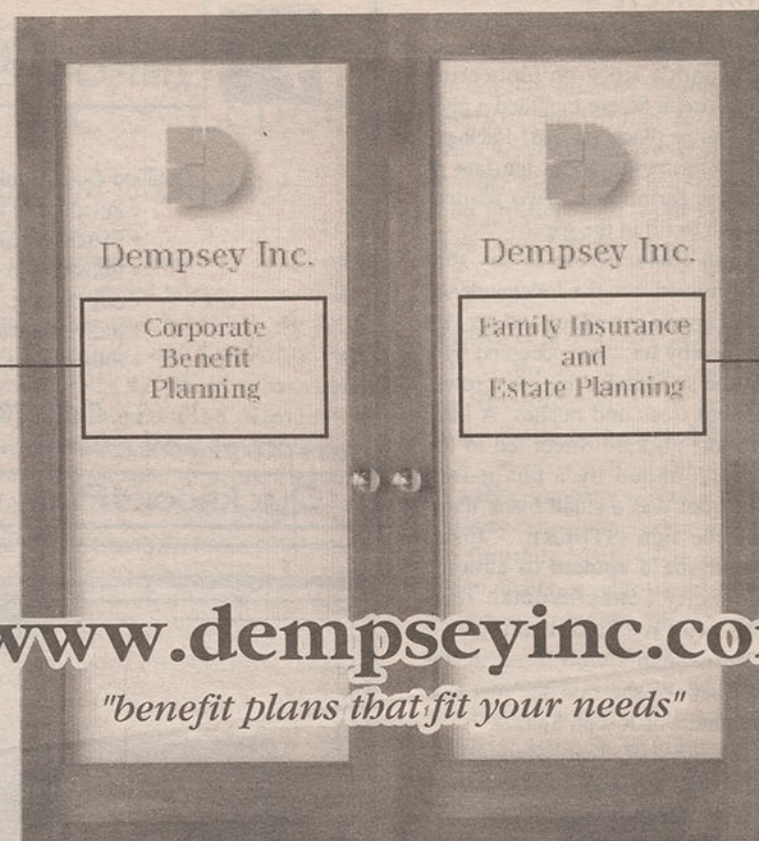
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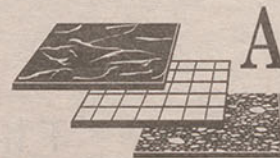
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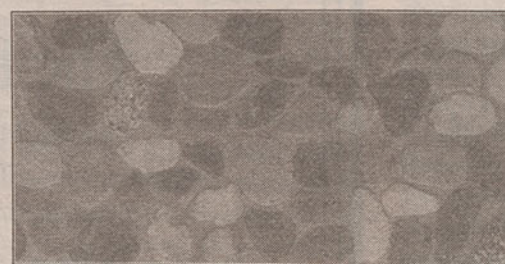
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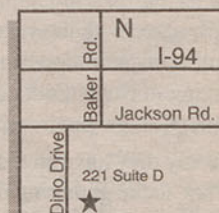
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CRIME UPDATE

Khurum Sheikh, police resident

*He's the live-in cop
at Miller Manor*

by Lowell Cauffiel

The sign is the most prominent announcement on the top of the lobby bulletin board.

"Ann Arbor Police Resident Khurum Sheikh's phone number is ..."

Sheikh, a sergeant with the detective division and fifteen-year department veteran, gets a lot of calls. Neighbors in Miller Manor, a city-owned high-rise, have even been known to pound on his door in the darkest hours of the predawn.

It's not the kind of availability most officers welcome when they're off duty. But Sheikh volunteered for it three years ago, when he joined a then new program to put cops in city housing. Baker Commons, another city-owned high-rise, also now has officers in residence.

Both buildings were originally built to provide federally subsidized housing for the elderly. They began experiencing problems ten years ago, when federal regulations required them to begin accepting younger tenants with physical and mental disabilities—including some who had drug and alcohol problems.

In 1997, cops were not exactly lining up to move into Miller Manor. The residency program's one-bedroom apartment had gone unclaimed for nearly a year, even with the rent set at just \$25 a month, plus ten hours of "community service"—responding to after-hours crime and nuisance complaints. Sheikh had been living in a ranch house on picturesque farmland near Chelsea.

"I was going through a divorce, and I thought I'll just go over and take a look at it," recalls Sheikh. "When I showed up, the residents became so excited—that's what sold me. And I figured, what the heck, I'll try it for a year."

He's been at Miller Manor ever since. He now pays \$100 a month for a fifth-floor unit that overlooks West Park.

Before Sheikh moved in, hallway neighbor Jane French says, she feared leaving her apartment some nights. "This used to be a very raucous floor," French recalls. "There were drugs and thugs, and people were knocking on doors and making demands in the most blatant of terms. Khurum really doesn't talk very much about what exactly he does here. But I know he is active, because things are simply taken care of."

Sheikh says he monitors the lobby for undesirables, acts as a liaison between residents and the Police Department, and simply gives troublesome residents a little advice now and then.

One mentally disturbed resident, for

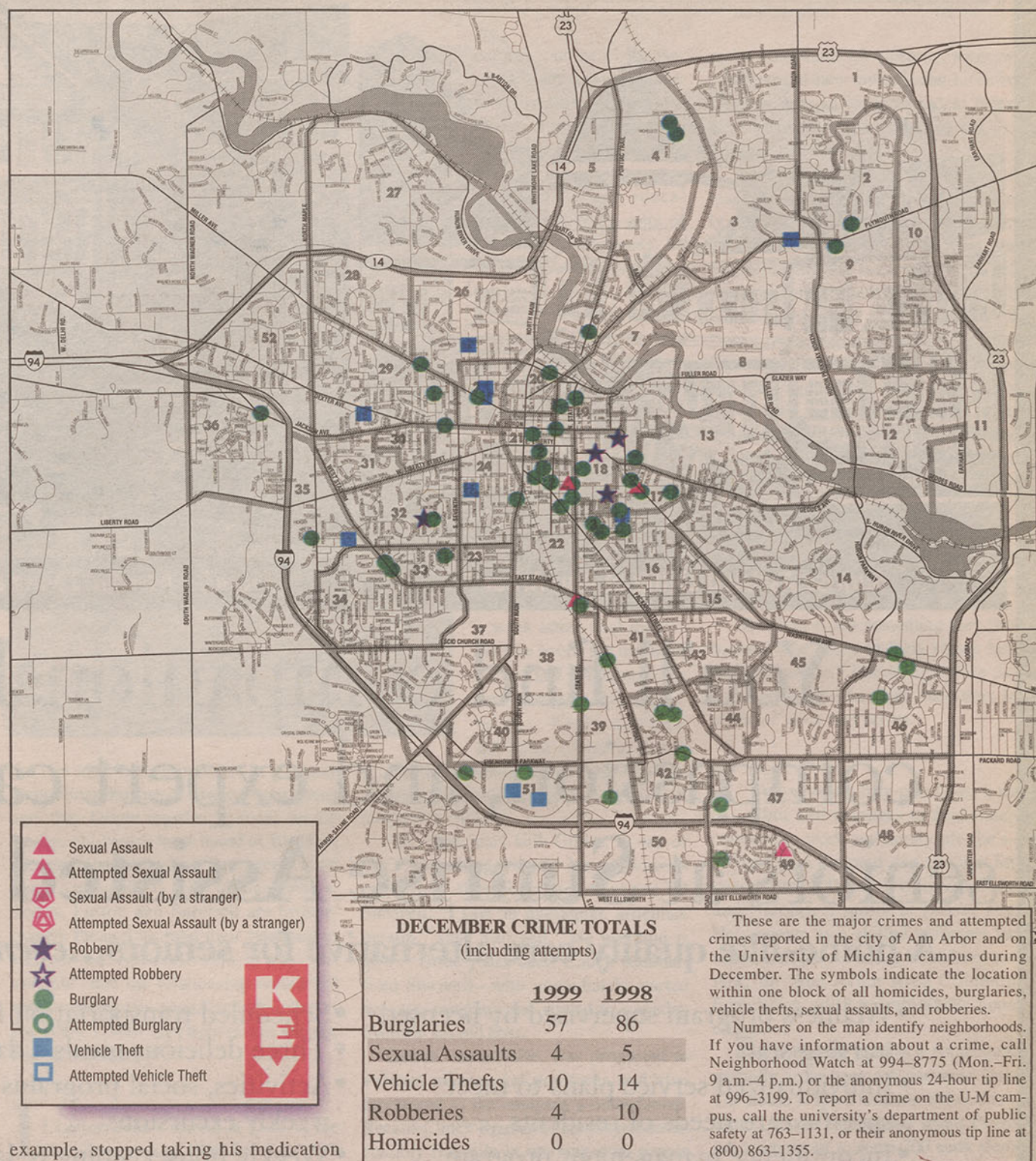
example, stopped taking his medication and began posting notes on the doors of residents, including Sheikh's. The FBI was watching all of them, tapping their phones, it read.

"I simply confronted him and said this would not be tolerated," he recalls. "I said this was my home." The resident went back on his medication.

Last year, the building was plagued by larcenies. Sheikh believed they were inside jobs, because entry was being made from Miller's series of balconies. Residents began watching. The burglar was spotted, arrested, and jailed.

Sheikh says most problems are caused by residents who arrive from shelters, sometimes addicts and alcoholics who relapse and bring outsiders in from the streets.

Says neighbor French, "Khurum is so understated in the way he handles things. He's nonthreatening, but it's clear he has all the training, too. People in this building want to feel safe, and his presence here accomplishes that."



The program began as the result of a chance observation by city housing manager Kathleen Schlipp during a trip to Milwaukee to visit her son several years ago.

"I couldn't believe how clean and orderly public housing was there," Schlipp recalls. "As it turned out, there was an article in the *Milwaukee Journal* that Sunday about police living in public housing and all the work they were doing there. I came back to Ann Arbor and just started talking about it."

Ann Arbor has thirteen different public housing sites, with a total of 361 units. Qualifying applicants pay 30 percent of their income in rent, which can range from nothing to \$400, housing officials say.

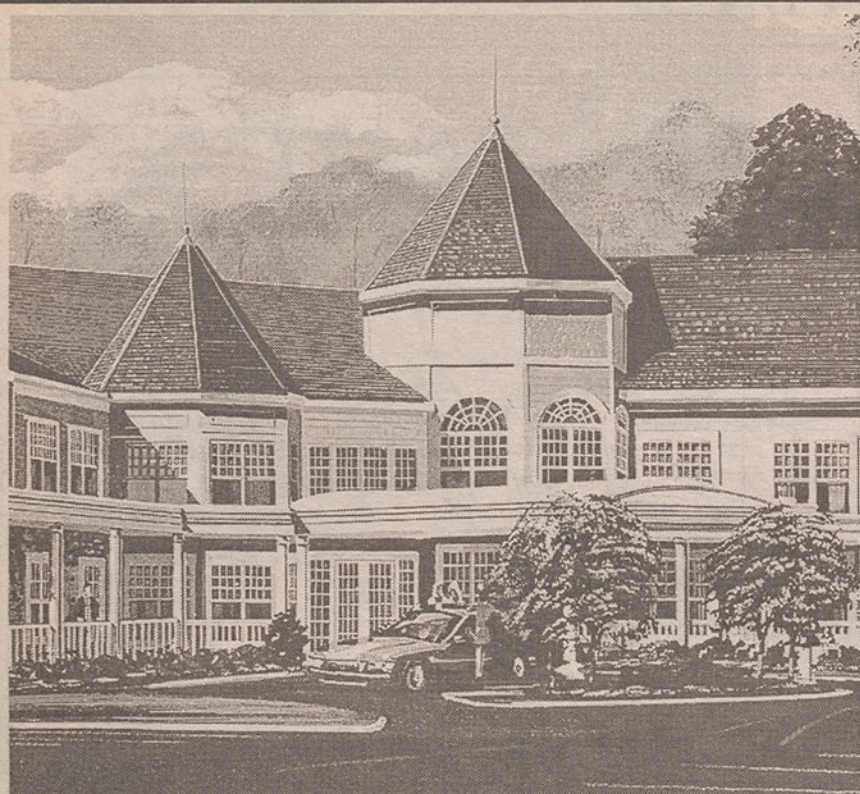
Betsy Lindsley, the Housing Department's executive director, says the city considered expanding police residency into other sites as well, but federal guidelines allow the city to dedicate only a

small percentage of public housing space to the program.

"It also takes a certain type of officer to be able to do this," she says.

Sheikh has embraced the bohemian atmosphere of his floor. His apartment sports posters of James Dean and Elvis and photos of his favorite famous comics. Off the job, Sheikh does stand-up comedy at local clubs and concerts. Neighbor Jane French has painted the hallways with murals. As a gesture of gratitude, she painted Sheikh's closet area with a European landscape.

Sheikh says living in Miller Manor has changed his attitude about public housing and the people who stay there. "There are a lot of characters here," he says. "Seventy-five percent of the people here are good, long-term residents. Most of these people here are not scamming anyone. They truly need assistance. And when you see firsthand the physical ailments and challenges they have every day, you feel like your tax money is being put to good use."



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Dave Lutton

The low-key titan of local real estate

In the last couple of years, the Ann Arbor real estate market went from hot to sizzling. Even Dave Lutton, the phlegmatic president of the Charles Reinhart Company, sounds a bit awed. In the early 1990s, Lutton says, it was "an absolute exception" to find properties edging near the million dollar mark.

"We now have a significant number of homes in the seven hundred or eight hundred [thousand dollar] category," he says. "It's a price point that didn't used to exist."

With the boom in home sales, "people might think all we're doing is sitting around counting the gold," adds Lutton wryly. "But the real estate market is more complicated, more competitive, and a more challenging way to earn a living than at any time in history."

No one knows that better than Lutton: his firm has been Ann Arbor's biggest home seller for most of the past three decades. But while he's an authentic real estate titan, he's no Donald Trump-style egomaniac. When I called to request an interview, Lutton answered his phone himself. He mulled the idea over for a while before saying, in a deep, confident, camp-counselorish voice, "I guess it's a good idea."

A big, hearty-looking man with snow-topped hair, Lutton, fifty-two, works out of the Reinhart administration building on Green Road. Actually, it's now Lutton's administration building—but he doesn't feel any need to update the name. Many customers probably don't even know that he bought out his mentor, Chuck Reinhart, five years ago.

Behind Lutton's laid-back style, though, lies a fierce competitor. Just out of your hearing, this affable guy is beating the war drums—particularly toward the headquarters of his pal-turned-archrival Ed Surovell on West Stadium.

Lutton calls the competition between the twenty-nine-year-old Reinhart company and the eighteen-year-old Surovell firm "very intense." Last fall, *Crain's Detroit Business* ranked Reinhart eighth in its listing of metro Detroit realty firms; Surovell was tenth.

The race is actually both closer and fuzzier than those numbers indicate. Last year, Reinhart reported 1,572 transactions to the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors—just four more than Surovell. Though Reinhart reported a solid lead in dollar volume (\$431 million to Surovell's \$370 million), Ed Surovell points out that the total doesn't include his sales outside Washtenaw County.

The fight to be top dog has all but killed the once close friendship between



J. ADRIAN WYLLIE

the two men, both Democrats in a largely Republican business. Twenty-four years ago, they fought together to shake up the stodgy, old-boyish local board of Realtors, successfully demanding that agents have equal voting rights with broker-owners. Today, Lutton and Surovell are broker-owners themselves, and their relationship has cooled. Surovell says it was "inevitable" that the relationship would fall apart once the two began running competing firms. Lutton says they're still friends, but "at a distance."

If Lutton hadn't started at U-M in the distracting year of 1966, he might well have ended up as a lawyer instead. In those days, however, the classroom was not the most interesting place in Ann Arbor.

"I very quickly began to feel we were just dead wrong about our Vietnamese involvement," Lutton recalls. He demonstrated against the draft in Ann Arbor and marched against the war in Washington. He and his future wife, Louise Pietsch, a U-M art student, also became regulars at a new music bar, Mr. Flood's Party. (Later, Pietsch was day manager at Flood's for several years, and Lutton worked there briefly as a doorman.)

In his junior year at the U-M, Lutton was a resident advisor in West Quad. "My boys got attention and did well," he recalls. "They had a good academic record." But his own suffered. "If a course didn't reach out and grab me," he says, he "didn't pay attention to it." At the end of the year, he flunked out.

He enrolled at the U-M Dearborn and successfully completed three graduate

courses, but the U-M, facing a glut of junior transfers, declined to readmit him. Lutton switched to EMU, thinking he'd be a teacher, but soon became disillusioned with education courses. In the spirit of the era's restlessness, he dropped out and, with several guys, hitchhiked around South America for six months. But he and Pietsch missed each other, and finally she sent him a ticket home.

Back in Ann Arbor, Lutton worked different jobs, married Pietsch, and realized that, as he puts it, "you can't be a sixties kid forever." In 1974, he joined the former Gillies real estate firm. He sold his first home a week later—and discovered he loved the business. "There is a real buzz at the time you get a deal made," he says. "Until you eventually bring a buyer and sell-

er together, hammering out the details, getting everyone's signature . . . you can't imagine the fun!"

After five years with Gillies, in one of life's interesting ironies, Lutton was recruited by then Reinhart manager Ed Surovell. "I saw an intelligent, articulate person," says Surovell. "He was and is now." Three years later, Chuck Reinhart fired Surovell—who immediately started his own company and vowed to someday overtake his old boss.

Lutton, meanwhile, was promoted to various managerial positions and also functioned as the company's ombudsman. Recalls Chuck Reinhart, "He played an incredibly fine role in working with people who had problems, with our [sales] associates, and on various legal issues." Lutton still plays that role unofficially, often dealing personally with distressed buyers who complain that their new home is flooded or the fridge isn't working.

In 1993 Reinhart and Lutton began negotiating a buyout agreement. In January 1995 Lutton became president and sole owner. Says Pete Cornell, CEO of the local board of Realtors, "I suspect he [Reinhart] saw in Dave that he's able to see the big picture, and he has those skills that it takes to see what's on the horizon and how to prepare for it."

There's a lot to prepare for—including the unknown. Looking back, Lutton remarks, "I don't think anyone could have predicted the number of upscale, big-box [home] designs that have come along in the nineties." Along with new houses are new ways of selling. Across the country, new

realty companies are opening, some with controversial new commission incentives. It's now unusual for independent firms to have as big a share of the market as do Reinhart and Surovell.

Firms compete fiercely for the allegiance of top-selling agents. Lutton recently scored points on that front by building a spiffy new office building on East Stadium, replacing the former Howard Johnson's restaurant where Reinhart agents had worked since 1971. The new office has "more room and more privacy and better lighting and more windows," says star Reinhart agent Fran Jones happily. And never again will a Reinhart Realtor shiver away in the room that was HoJo's freezer.

Since taking over the firm, Lutton also has added offices in Saline, Chelsea, and—this month—Ypsilanti. He also set up an apartment locator service and an in-house mortgage company that, he says proudly, did \$25 million worth of business last year.

"Reinhart is not something they [home buyers] hear about in New Jersey before they move here," Lutton says. "We do go to great lengths to make sure they hear about us" once they arrive.

Lutton works fifty-plus hours a week but still manages to find time for community work and family life (he's described as a devoted dad to sons Shea, twenty-one, a Denison University senior, and Nicolas, a senior at Dexter High). He's known as a skilled volunteer fundraiser, currently lending his talents to the Ark, the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and local affordable housing efforts.

Lutton himself lives in a contemporary, partially solar-heated home near Dexter. The house is filled with his wife's artwork. Lutton waxes enthusiastic about Pietsch's job teaching art to some 700 early elementary kids in the Dexter schools—"She's a celebrity to her kids," he says proudly—and volunteers that she opened his eyes to more creative ways of looking at the world.

Perhaps aesthetics is one reason why Lutton chose to sit out the initial debate over the city's ban on real estate signs. While Ed Surovell pushed hard to legalize the signs, Lutton admits that "we do understand that your neighborhood might look better without a red Reinhart sign."

Like every other broker, though, Reinhart now uses the signs if sellers want them. He also agrees with the board of Realtors that the rules now being considered for the signs are too restrictive. The board has threatened to sue if they aren't modified.

But do the controversial signs actually help sell homes? Lutton admits that he doesn't know. Right now, he says, people are so crazy to buy in or around Ann Arbor that it's hard to tell whether the signs have made any difference.

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TAXI WARS

by Erick Trickey

Andrew Tremblay says he's the owner of Ann Arbor Taxi. A stocky man wearing a corduroy sport coat, a button-down shirt, and blue jeans, he looks like Robert De Niro and sounds like a gruff radio announcer.

Tremblay sits at the bar of Papa Chulo's restaurant, on break from driving his limousine. He lays two pieces of paper on the bar: certificates of assumed name, registered with the county clerk, bearing his name and the names Ann Arbor Taxi Service and Ann Arbor Taxi. "There should be no other questions," he says.

Bob Gordon claims he's the sole director and CEO of Ann Arbor Taxi. A thin man wearing a tan shirt and big round glasses, he sits in a room in his lawyer's office, his aluminum crutches leaning against a nearby wall.

Gordon says that almost three years ago, he and a third man agreed to bail Tremblay's Ann Arbor Taxi Service out of financial trouble, and that the three men became equal shareholders in a new corporation called Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd. Soon after, Tremblay became impossible to work with, Gordon says, and he was removed as a director.

Ever since then, Tremblay and Gordon have been fighting over who really has the right to the name Ann Arbor Taxi—and their fight has spilled over into the courts, the city's taxicab board, and the streets of Ann Arbor.

A police detective investigated whether to charge Gordon with a crime after Tremblay filed a complaint, but when he saw documents Gordon produced, the detective decided that Tremblay's allegations were "unfounded."

Tremblay says he didn't sign some of the documents that seem to bear his signature. "What these documents prove is that somebody tried to defraud me of my company," he says.

Ann Arbor Taxi used to be one of the biggest cab companies in the city, with twenty-one taxis on the streets. But today, Tremblay and Gordon each have only a few drivers working for them, and their rival operations are dwarfed by the much larger fleets of Yellow Cab and Blue Cab. The Ameritech Yellow Pages lists them both: "Ann Arbor Taxi" and "Ann Arbor Taxi Inc Limited."

Their war has only gotten uglier with time. Tremblay alleges that Gordon's drivers are telling people they're Tremblay. Gordon says he has no knowledge of that. "Why would anybody want to be Andrew Tremblay?" he asks.

Tremblay doesn't think much of Gordon either.



*Which is the real
Ann Arbor Taxi?*



"He's a parasite," Tremblay says. "You can quote me. Bob Gordon is a parasite. And I hope he sues me."

Both Tremblay and Gordon have talked about filing a lawsuit over the dispute. If they do, pity the poor judge who has to untangle the strange history of the Ann Arbor Taxi War.

"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SUE YOU"

"If you put him in there, I'm going to have to sue you." It seemed like a routine call to update the Observer's City Guide, until Andy Tremblay started shouting.

It was last August, and I'd seen cabs driving around town with the name "Andy's Ann Arbor Taxi Service" and the phone number 214-9999 on them. I wanted to add the company to the City Guide's list of taxicab companies—which had included Ann Arbor Taxi Service, at 741-9000, for years.

I called 214-9999.

"Ann Arbor Taxi," a man answered.

"Is this Andy's Ann Arbor Taxi?" I asked.

"This is Andy," he replied.

I explained my confusion, and Andy Tremblay began yelling about "this Robert Gordon clown, at 741-9000." Tremblay claimed Gordon had taken over his company's phone number and was illicitly using his company's name. "He went to Lansing and filed for a corporate name similar to

mine," he said—but that "doesn't mean he has a right to my name," he asserted. "I am one angry, angry person."

He threatened to sue the Observer if we listed Gordon's operation. He asked me to call him back and let him know our decision.

The Observer's editor and I decided that it was up to the courts, not us, to decide who owned Ann Arbor Taxi. We agreed we would include two listings in the City Guide using the names printed on the cabs: Andy's Ann Arbor Taxi Service at 214-9999 and Ann Arbor Taxi Service at 741-9000.

I called Tremblay to tell him the news. He didn't take it well.

"That is not the name of the company," he said. "You will list me [as Ann Arbor Taxi]." He mentioned the certificates of assumed name he'd filed with the county, and he accused Gordon of fraud.

I asked why he hadn't sued Gordon, and he said he planned to. "That takes time. In the meantime, I don't need the local newspapers perpetuating the fraud," he said.

"I will include you in a lawsuit," Tremblay threatened. "His corporation name is not permission to use the name. He cannot use my name in this county. You cannot put his name."

I did some research at the county courthouse, where I discovered that a man allied with Tremblay, David Raaflaub, had

sued Ameritech in 1999, trying unsuccessfully to gain control of the 741-9000 number. From the state, I learned that Tremblay, Raaflaub, and Gordon had all filed corporate documents registering, between them, seven different names that had "Ann Arbor Taxi" in them. Meanwhile, two Ann Arbor Police Department officials who deal with cabs in the city told me they were treating Tremblay's and Gordon's operations as two separate entities. "There's Ann Arbor Taxi Service, and Andy's Ann Arbor Taxi Service," said the AAPD's David Gray.

So we went ahead and listed both of the rivals. Soon after the City Guide was published, Tremblay called the Observer and furiously complained to both the publisher and the editor.

"You will be hearing from my attorney," he warned. "You will learn the meaning of respect." His attorney never called—but the war of words between Tremblay and Gordon has continued.

THE BLUE CAB FEUD

Things were going a lot better for Andy Tremblay six years ago. He had purchased the old Budget Cab and renamed it Ann Arbor Taxi Service, and was the undisputed owner of the third-largest cab company in the city. He was dispatching a fleet of bright white cabs across Ann Arbor from his office in the basement of the 777 Eisenhower Building.

But Tremblay didn't own all the cabs himself. "That was the mistake I made," he says. Instead, he worked with contractors, who owned the cabs and—when they weren't driving themselves—got a cut of the money that the cabs' drivers made on runs. Tremblay provided their dispatch service in exchange for weekly "stand fees."

In late 1994 several contractors left Ann Arbor Taxi and formed Blue Cab. Tremblay says he fired them because they weren't keeping up their cabs and weren't letting him inspect them.

Jeff Pieske, a former Ann Arbor Taxi dispatcher who went to work for Blue Cab, says the contractors quit because they were sick of Tremblay's temper.

"If [Tremblay] would have just sat back and let the company go, he'd actually have quite a big company right now," says Pieske, now Blue Cab's general manager. "Blue Cab wouldn't be around, there'd be one Ann Arbor Taxi, and he'd probably have about thirty cars right now. But he got on this hot streak, yelling at all the contractors, and one day they decided, 'Hmm. Why are we paying this guy to yell at us?'"

Tremblay and Blue Cab quickly got embroiled in a nasty feud. Tremblay says Blue Cab used dirty tricks to try to drive him out of business.

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Tremblay told police that Pieske and another Blue Cab employee, Daniel Wellwood, called Ann Arbor Taxi repeatedly to tie up its phone lines. Pieske and Wellwood were arrested and charged with phone harassment. They pleaded no contest, paid \$250 each in court costs and fines, and agreed not to contact Tremblay or Ann Arbor Taxi in exchange for having the cases dismissed.

Meanwhile, a Blue Cab driver filed a complaint accusing Tremblay of trying to run him off the road. Tremblay said it never happened, and the case was dismissed.

After Blue Cab formed, Tremblay and Ann Arbor Taxi fell into financial distress. In June 1996 papers were filed in federal court seeking personal bankruptcy protection for Tremblay; the filing noted that he was doing business as Ann Arbor Taxi Service. That case was later dismissed, but in December two new petitions were filed: one in Tremblay's name and one for Ann Arbor Taxi Service Inc. Ltd.

Tremblay says now that he didn't actually need to file for bankruptcy, but "my quote-unquote legal team, Bob Gordon and David Raaflaub, decided I should be in bankruptcy and filled out paperwork." Although all three petitions seem to bear his signature, Tremblay insists he never signed any of them. He says he doesn't know who did sign them. (At press time, Raaflaub had not returned calls asking about the signatures; Gordon says he did not sign Tremblay's name to the forms.)

The bankruptcy case for the company was dismissed because certain required documents were not filed with the court. The second personal bankruptcy case was closed in 1997; court records are unclear about how it was resolved, but according to Tremblay, "It was dismissed. I didn't need to be there."

A DEAD RUSSIAN'S CAB

At the time of the first bankruptcy filing, Tremblay and Ann Arbor Taxi Service faced three lawsuits. Two were filed by his bank and landlord—while the other involved the mysterious whereabouts of a cab owned by a dead Russian.

Aleksandr Chertkov was one of the cab owners who contracted with Tremblay. In August 1995 an attorney filed suit on Chertkov's behalf. The suit claimed that Chertkov had given Tremblay notice that he was leaving Ann Arbor Taxi, and that Chertkov had authorized Blue Cab co-owner Tony Thompson to take possession of the cab, but that Tremblay hadn't released it.

Tremblay's attorney replied that Chertkov had agreed to sell Tremblay the cab. He said the cab was at an auto body shop, and that Chertkov would have to pay the repair bill if he wanted the cab back from the shop.

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blay should pay Chertkov \$5,000 for the cab. Both sides agreed—but Tremblay didn't pay. In late 1997 Tremblay told the court he'd learned that Chertkov had died of stomach cancer in Russia in November 1995. Nonetheless, the judge ordered a cab owned by Tremblay seized and sold to pay the debt.

Tony Thompson, the former Blue Cab co-owner, says that Chertkov had given him power of attorney, and that he pursued the case after the driver's death. He says Chertkov's attorney earmarked the proceeds from the sale to go to Chertkov's estate. Jeff Pieske of Blue Cab paid \$3,000 for Tremblay's car. He says Blue Cab put it on the road for a few months but eventually retired it and used it for spare parts.

Meanwhile, Tremblay says he doesn't know what happened to Chertkov's cab. The auto body shop closed when its owner died, and the cab disappeared when the shop closed, he says.

Thompson says that thanks to cabbie word-of-mouth, he finally found the dead Russian's cab in a junkyard in western Wayne County—but that it would have cost more than the car was worth to reclaim it.

ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS CAB

Tremblay's troubles with Blue Cab eventually cost him not only his cab, but also his cab license. Though he's fiercely possessive of the Ann Arbor Taxi name, Tremblay can no longer legally drive a taxi in Ann Arbor. That's because of what happened on the night of December 30, 1996.

It was Tremblay's forty-ninth birthday.

this is the taxicab business—you anticipate that something could happen that you don't want to happen," he testified in court in 1998.

Blue Cab's dispatcher, Michael Borders, saw Tremblay drive in and went outside to see what he was doing there. Tremblay and Borders disagree about what happened next.

"I turned, came out [of the lot]," recalls Tremblay, "and when I came out, the Blue Cab dispatcher jumped out from between two parked vehicles and was waving his hands at me, so I threw the brakes on." Tremblay says his cab skidded on the gravelly drive. "I ended up going sideways, stopped, backed the car up, looked around. He wasn't anywhere to be found, [so I] drove [out the driveway] and went home. That was it."

Borders testified in court that Tremblay tried to run him over three times. He said that when he went into the parking lot, he saw Tremblay standing outside his cab, looking at Reed's taxis. Borders says he shouted, "What are you doing?" and Tremblay didn't answer, but got back in his car.

"He got in as fast as he could and came directly at me. I jumped out of his way," Borders testified.

Borders said he tried to run back to the office.

"He stops . . . throws it in reverse, comes back at me again, and I had to jump out of his way again. . . . Then he swung around and he come directly at me again." Borders testified that he dodged the cab a third time, and Tremblay drove away.

Police took Borders's complaint and

"He stops . . . throws it in reverse, comes back at me again, and I had to jump out of his way again. . . . Then he swung around and he come directly at me again." Borders testified that he dodged the cab a third time, and Tremblay drove away.

He had been out for dinner and drinks with his then fiancée, Crystal Coleman, and they were driving around afterwards in his taxi when they went by Blue Cab's headquarters on South Industrial Highway.

Tremblay saw two Ann Arbor Taxi cabs parked in the lot that Blue Cab shared with a glass repair shop. He pulled into the lot. Tremblay recognized the cabs; they belonged to his former live-in girlfriend, Patricia Reed. Though he didn't know it at the time, she, too, was defecting to Blue Cab.

Tremblay says he drove through the lot in a hurry, because he knew his presence there might cause problems. "Whenever I'm around my competition—you know,

charged Tremblay with a felony: assault with a dangerous weapon—his cab.

At the trial, a mechanic working in the parking lot said he saw Tremblay's cab come at Borders three times. The second time, when the cab was in reverse, it looked as if Tremblay were trying to hit Borders, the mechanic said; the other times, it just looked as if Tremblay were trying to drive away. He also said he hadn't seen Tremblay get out of his cab, as Borders had testified.

Tremblay's attorney, assistant public defender John Kaigler, employed what might be called the "too big to miss" defense. He argued that Borders was such a large man that if Tremblay had been trying

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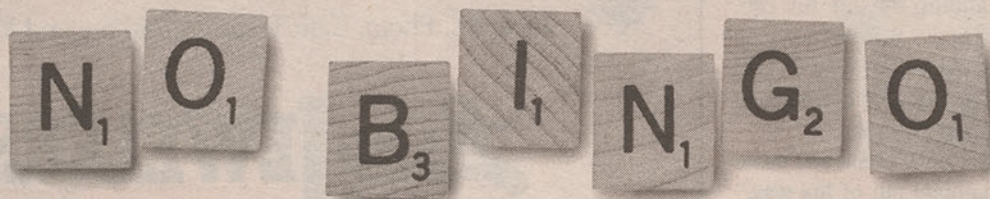


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to hit him, he would have. "You saw Michael Borders when he walked in here," Kaigler told the jury. "He had a bit of a stomach and he walked a little slowly. . . . Now, if you believe that this gentleman can dive out of the way of a speeding car, then I've got some property down in Florida I'd like to sell you."

Tremblay's ex-fiancée, Crystal Coleman, showed up in the middle of the trial. After talking to her briefly, Kaigler whisked her out of the courtroom without calling her as a witness.

The jury returned a guilty verdict after a little more than an hour of deliberations. A few weeks later, judge David Swartz sentenced Tremblay to a year of probation.

Tremblay has appealed his conviction, arguing that Kaigler erred in not calling Coleman to the stand. Her testimony, he argues, would have shown that he never attempted to hit Borders. But Kaigler has testified that Coleman told him that "Andy was trying to scare the guy" when he drove toward Borders. Since that contradicted Tremblay's assertion that he was only trying to drive out of the lot, Kaigler decided having Coleman testify would be a bad idea.

Coleman recently testified in support of Tremblay's appeal and recounted a different version of the conversation with Kaigler. She testified that Tremblay wasn't trying to injure Borders—but she wasn't asked directly if Tremblay was trying to scare him. The case is before the state court of appeals.

Under Ann Arbor's taxicab ordinance, anyone convicted of a felony involving force or violence is prohibited from driving a cab for five years. Tremblay appealed to the taxicab board for an exemption, claiming that if he couldn't drive a taxi, he'd have no source of income and would become a "bum." But the board members said the penalty was mandatory.

By the time Tremblay lost his cab license in May 1998, it was only one of his problems.

AN ILL-FATED DEAL

In early 1997, Tremblay says, he decided that he needed to solve Ann Arbor Taxi Service's financial problems by bringing other people into the company. Among those he approached were two men who were driving taxis for him: Bob Gordon and David Raaflaub.

Gordon came to Ann Arbor in 1959 to attend law school at the U-M but never got his degree. Though he walks with crutches because of a childhood case of polio, he has worked as an accountant, built student housing, operated a pinball arcade, opened a copy center, and sold vending machines. He joined Ann Arbor Taxi Service after a state vocational rehabilitation program helped him buy a cab.

Gordon's story is inspiring—except for

his conviction a decade ago for delivering cocaine. In interviews, Raaflaub and Tremblay both bring up Gordon's conviction, just as Gordon makes a point of mentioning Tremblay's assault conviction. "It is my goal to see Mr. Gordon back in Jackson Prison, where he came from," says Tremblay.

Gordon brings up his conviction before he's asked about it, because he knows that Tremblay and Raaflaub are fond of talking about it.

"I got arrested for selling small amounts of cocaine, okay? Really small amounts, okay?" He says he was caught providing cocaine to a friend, and that the "total amount of cocaine on those five visits was one and a half grams to one person." Convicted on five counts, he spent about three years in prison.

Gordon joined Ann Arbor Taxi after serving his sentence. He was one of the Ann Arbor Taxi contractors who helped form Blue Cab—but when he tried to leave Ann Arbor Taxi, Tremblay sued him to hold him to the provision of his contract that required him to give thirty days' notice. Gordon didn't begin driving for Blue Cab until months later. He eventually left and went back to work for Tremblay.

Gordon's driver complained that Tremblay's driver pulled off his cab's magnetic sign, threw it into the street, and shouted, "This is not an Ann Arbor Taxi!"

In 1996, when Tremblay needed an attorney, Gordon recommended David Raaflaub, who had been a fringe figure on Ann Arbor's political scene for years. An unofficial leader of the local Libertarian party, Raaflaub helped organize the party's famous caucuses at Bel-Mark Lanes, where prospective city council candidates once bowled for the right to run in their ward.

Raaflaub himself ran unsuccessfully for city council six times between 1988 and 1995, on a platform of eliminating social services and selling off city parks, trash collection, parking structures, and the airport. His best showing came in April 1993, when he received 221 votes. During that campaign, he tried to have mayor Liz Brater and city councilman Larry Hunter arrested for using a city-owned car for personal trips, and the *Ann Arbor News* revealed that Raaflaub was delinquent on paying business taxes to the city. He has also run for mayor, school board, the state house, the state senate, the U-M regents, and, most recently, the state supreme court—all unsuccessfully.

Soon after Raaflaub began representing Tremblay, he also began driving an Ann Arbor Taxi. "As a way to pay [me] my legal fees, [Tremblay] was willing to set me up in some cars, and willing to pay me back the stand fees he charged," Raaflaub explains.

DID HE SIGN?

Ask how the Ann Arbor Taxi War began, and you can quickly become lost in a dizzying whirl of charges and counter-charges.

If you believe Bob Gordon and his documents, it began in April 1997, when Gordon, Tremblay, and Raaflaub formed a new corporation called Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd., signing a shareholders' agreement that gave each an equal share in the corporation.

But each man tells the story differently. Gordon, the former law student and accountant, relies on a file of documents to try to prove his claims. Raaflaub, the lawyer, picks the agreement apart, claiming that technicalities render it defective. Tremblay insists, angrily and loudly, that he never meant to give up control of Ann Arbor Taxi. "I stated right from the beginning, day one, that nobody was going to have absolute control except me," Tremblay says.

Gordon's documents include the shareholders' agreement, which says the three corporate partners are equal shareholders. He also has an amendment to the shareholders' agreement, a promissory note handwritten on the same page, and the ar-

ticles of incorporation filed with the state. All of the documents seem to bear all three men's signatures. During a December interview, though, Tremblay said he didn't sign the articles of incorporation, the amendment, or the promissory note.

He says the signature on the articles of incorporation is not his. He says the signatures on the amendment and promissory note seem to be his, but that he did not actually sign those documents. "I don't believe I signed on this line or that line with these statements attached to it. No, I did not sign anything involved with these statements," he says.

Tremblay claims he *did* sign an agreement that Gordon and Raaflaub would pay him \$300,000 apiece for 12 percent each of Tremblay's corporation. If that happened, it that would have been quite a coup—it would have valued his financially troubled cab company at \$2.5 million. But Tremblay didn't produce a copy of the agreement, and both Gordon and Raaflaub say they never signed such a document.

Gordon maintains that he never offered to invest in Tremblay's old company because he didn't want to take on all the old company's obligations. Instead, Gordon says, he agreed to join in the formation of a new corporation that would buy the old company's remaining assets. The share-

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holders' agreement valued each man's stock in the new corporation at just \$3,000.

Tremblay said during one conversation that he signed the shareholders' agreement but repudiated it immediately after signing. He also claims the agreement is invalid because it doesn't have an "escape clause."

"The contract was repudiated the day it was signed, the second it was signed, the moment it was signed," Tremblay says. He says he backed out because Gordon "didn't want to include all the people I had solicited to be part of my corporation."

*Each of the three men
involved in the Ann Arbor Taxi War
has, at some point, tried to
kick the other two out
of the corporation.*

"I signed it because I was led to believe it was my corporation, and it wasn't," Tremblay says. "So when I got through, I looked through it and said, 'It's not valid. It's not Ann Arbor Taxi Service Inc.'"

The next day, in another phone call, Tremblay asserted that he never signed the shareholders' agreement that shows him as an equal partner with Gordon and Raaf-laub. "That's the agreement Bob Gordon gave the Police Department. That's not what was signed," he said. He claims he signed a different agreement that gave him a majority of the stock and split the rest among five people.

Neither Gordon nor Raaf-laub remembers it that way.

"I do recall at the time thinking we were each in there for a third. The corporate papers would support that," says Raaf-laub. "Come to think of it, I never realized how much Andy's view of what was happening was totally different from what my view was."

Raaf-laub says he thinks Tremblay raised a question at the signing about how many investors there would be. But neither Raaf-laub nor Gordon recalls Tremblay repudiating the shareholders' agreement the day it was signed.

Gordon also produced a document showing that Tremblay sold his radio dispatch equipment to Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd. for \$1,000 a month after the new company was formed.

Tremblay says that document has been altered—that the form he signed transferred ownership to his *old* corporation, not to the new one. "I didn't sell it to Bob Gordon, not to Bob Gordon's corporation," Tremblay says. "[The form] didn't

say Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd. when I signed [it]." Gordon vehemently denies having altered the bill of sale.

Raaf-laub asserts that the shareholders' agreement is invalid because it's incomplete. He notes that the agreement has five blanks for signatures, and only three people signed. Gordon says that's because he photocopied Blue Cab's old agreement to use for the new corporation, and he notes that an amendment to the agreement lowers the number of shareholders from five to three. Raaf-laub says the amendment is also invalid because the proper procedure would have been to sign a completely new agreement.

Given how differently the three men look at everything, it's no surprise that whatever arrangement they made didn't last long. Shortly after buying Tremblay's equipment, Gordon and Raaf-laub locked him out of Ann Arbor Taxi's office and

sent him a letter removing him as a director of Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd.

The notice lists six reasons for removal, including failure to pay his share of the company's expenses and continuing to drive a cab even though Gordon and Raaf-laub had questioned whether it had the correct license plate and valid insurance. It also accuses Tremblay of "stealing orders from the Dispatch office."

Gordon explains that he and Raaf-laub were concerned about whether Tremblay was dispatching airport runs unfairly.

"Bob was making all sorts of accusations about Andy monopolizing the business," says Raaf-laub. "I, at the time, frankly, believed that. I felt we should change the direction of the company and assert control over the business. It turns out I later came to believe what Bob was saying was not true."

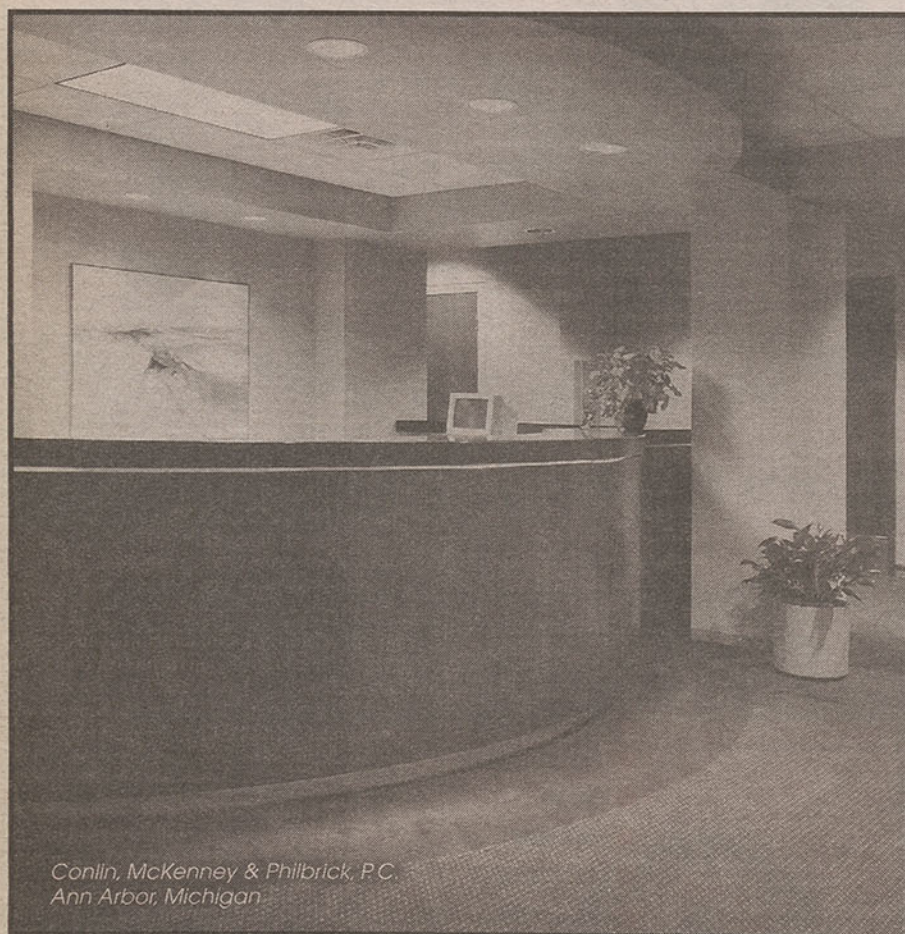
Tremblay went to the police, saying Gordon and Raaf-laub had tricked him out of his company. But after reviewing the documents, the detective decided Tremblay's allegations were "unfounded" and dropped the case.

So in 1998, Tremblay began fielding his own fleet of cabs to compete with the Ann Arbor Taxis Raaf-laub and Gordon controlled.

"THIS IS NOT AN ANN ARBOR TAXI!"

"I don't want to be caught up in this tangled spiderweb of an internal conflict of who owns Ann Arbor Taxi, Andy Trombly, Dave Rayflop or Bob Gordon."

Cab driver Eddie Harold didn't know how to spell Tremblay's and Raaf-laub's names, but his complaints to the city taxicab board reveal that he learned firsthand



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how ugly the Ann Arbor Taxi War had become.

Harold alleged that for five days straight in June 1998, while he was driving Bob Gordon's cab, he was harassed by a man named Patrick Quinn, who was driving a cab for Tremblay.

According to Harold's complaint, Quinn pulled up behind him at a cab stand on Liberty Street one morning. "[Quinn] jumped out of his cab and ran up to my drivers door, tried opening my door, which I locked when I saw the anger in his face," Harold wrote. Then, he alleged, Quinn pulled off the cab's magnetic sign, threw it into the street, and shouted, "This is not an Ann Arbor Taxi!" Harold said he called Raaflaub on a cellular phone, and Raaflaub called the police.

Five patrol cars arrived, and a police report was filed. The officer noted that Quinn's cab had a sticker over Ann Arbor Taxi's old number with a different phone number on it. The officer wrote in his report that Quinn talked with Tremblay on a cell phone, and that Tremblay claimed he owned the company and that Raaflaub shouldn't be using the name. "Both companies were told to control themselves until the matter was litigated," wrote the officer.

Still, Harold alleged, over the next five days, Quinn repeatedly called him on his cell phone and threatened him, and also followed him around to taxi stands and tried to open his car door. Then, Harold said, Tremblay called him, threatening to have a warrant placed on him for aiding and abetting fraud.

Quinn could not be reached for comment. No charges were filed in any of the incidents, and Tremblay denies Harold's entire story. "Not an iota of it is true," he says. "It's a lie."

SHIFTING ALLIANCES

After being asked about a long series of complaints against him—ranging from the Blue Cab assault charge to Eddie Harold's complaint—Tremblay ascribes them all to the same motivation.

"All these accusations, and all this stuff that's going on, it's all part of the grand scheme of making sure Andy doesn't fleet up," he says. "If I refleet Ann Arbor Taxi and get back out there, I'll be giving the same service as I gave three or four years ago. And if I do that, then I'm going to have the business, because I take care of my customers."

Tremblay says his taxi's rear window was broken a few years ago and that an unknown person shot up his cab while it was parked in downtown Detroit. He adds that someone recently punctured a tire on his limo, probably with an ice pick—he shows off the little circular plug covering the hole on the maroon Cadillac's left rear tire.

"Have you ever heard of the confidence game the Spanish Prisoner? Well, I'm the Spanish Prisoner," Tremblay says. "It's a hard game to explain, because I certainly don't know how it works. . . . All I know is, somebody ends up with your property without your permission."

The property in question, presumably, is Ann Arbor Taxi. "What Bob Gordon is

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trying to do is own a company, own an existing company without paying for it," Tremblay charges.

In his dispute with Gordon, Tremblay now has at least one ally. A little over a year ago, Gordon and David Raaflaub had their own falling-out—and now Raaflaub has teamed up with Tremblay to get control of Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd. back from Gordon. As a result, each of the three men involved in the Ann Arbor Taxi War has,

Since then, Raaflaub and Gordon have been filing dueling documents with the state corporations bureau, each asserting that he truly controls Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd. Raaflaub has moved to change the corporation into a nonprofit called AHB Corporation whose purpose would be "to market publications about fraud in business." Raaflaub says the name AHB is "just letters"; Tremblay says it stands for "Asshole Bob."

Tremblay stakes his claim to the name Ann Arbor Taxi Service on the county certificates of assumed name he filed in 1996 and renewed in 1999.

"I have not given anybody the right to use my name," he says.

Raaflaub now says he and Gordon

"If you print the wrong story and slander me, I'm going to *sue the Observer,*" Tremblay threatened.

"A bunch of fucking thieves are trying to rip me off and *destroy my life.*"

at some point, tried to kick the other two out of the corporation.

Gordon and Raaflaub worked together until late 1998, when Gordon became angry that Raaflaub had set up a business called Ann Arbor Airport Taxi Service with a separate phone number. The two also had disputes over paying bills. Gordon went to Tremblay—no longer a director of Ann Arbor Taxi Inc. Ltd., but still a shareholder—and asked him to sign a letter removing Raaflaub as a director. Tremblay agreed.

"I signed it," Tremblay says. "I just went along with the whole goddamned thing, thinking sooner or later they were all going to knock each other off, and this thing would be settled without going to court."

Not long after, Raaflaub went to Tremblay and convinced him to turn the tables. They wrote a letter to Gordon saying that as majority shareholders, they were removing him as a director, and then reinstalled themselves as directors.

"Under Michigan corporate law, majority shareholders can run the corporation," Raaflaub says. Gordon says the only cause the letter listed for removing him was "no confidence."

Gordon's attorney, Charlie Borgsdorf, says Tremblay and Raaflaub had no power to remove Gordon. "The taint of being removed for cause as a director is permanent. They're out of the corporation in that capacity," says Borgsdorf. "So they're not in any position to further affect . . . who serves as a director of the corporation."

"The other problem, of course, is if you remove Mr. Gordon as a director, you have a directorless corporation. It can't be done."

were wrong to use the name Ann Arbor Taxi Service after Tremblay was removed as a corporate director.

"My view is that Andy owned the name, had the assumed name, had the copyright, and Mr. Gordon never acquired the right to use that name. Andrew had control of that name, [though] he did lend it to the operation when we three were working in the corporation."

Gordon's attorney says the corporation *does* have the right to the name. A county certificate "doesn't give you a proprietary right" to a name, says Borgsdorf. "It merely gives you the right to do business under that name. . . . When Tremblay signs the articles of incorporation, he gives up his rights—whether he removes that filing or not—to that name to the corporation in which he owns shares." He says that when Tremblay reclaimed the name for personal use, he breached his fiduciary duty to the corporation and violated the no-competition clause of the shareholders' agreement.

"ANN ARBOR TAXI"

Both adversaries still answer their respective telephone lines as "Ann Arbor Taxi." Dial 741-9000 and your call will probably be answered by Eddie Harold, who still works for Bob Gordon; the cab he'll send will say "Ann Arbor Taxi Service" on the side. For Andy Tremblay, dial 214-9999. The vehicle he'll dispatch will bear a stylish logo reading "Andy's Ann Arbor Taxi."

Gordon says he has four cabs on the road. Tremblay dispatches two cabs, and when customers prefer a Cadillac limo to a cab, he may pick them up himself.

Tensions between the two operations remain high. A few months ago, Tremblay

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and Harold got into a conflict in front of a hotel.

"I had one of Gordon's drivers approach me at the Bell Tower Hotel, and was screaming at me while I was loading luggage," Tremblay says. "I said, 'Eddie, get back in your car,' and I loaded the luggage and drove away."

Harold disputes that story. He says that he and Tremblay both stopped to pick up different customers, and that Tremblay called him a "fraudulent bastard" because of the "Ann Arbor Taxi Service" name on the cab he was driving. A manager at the Bell Tower recalls only that drivers for the two companies got into an argument over a customer outside the hotel.

When I asked Tremblay to have Patrick Quinn call the Observer to comment on Eddie Harold's 1998 complaint, Tremblay replied that if I were looking for criminals, I was barking up the wrong tree.

"If you print the wrong story and slander me, I'm going to sue the Observer," he threatened. "A bunch of fucking thieves are trying to rip me off and destroy my life. You haven't got that story yet." In a subsequent call, he added, "I think Mr. Gordon is a thief, fraud, and forger."

Tremblay often claims Gordon is guilty of fraud. He called the taxicab board secretary in late 1997 to say that Raaflaub and Gordon were perpetrating an act of criminal fraud; the word *fraud* also appears in the police report about Tremblay's complaint against the two men. Tremblay threatened to sue the Observer for perpetuating a fraud if we printed the phone number of Gordon's company. He says hotels that call Gordon for a cab are lucky he hasn't sued *them* for aiding and abetting fraud.

But so far, Tremblay hasn't been able to persuade anyone in law enforcement that a crime has been committed. And when it comes to taking legal action against Gordon himself, Tremblay says only that his new attorney is looking into his options.

Tremblay's ally, David Raaflaub, says the men "are considering a lawsuit." He says he and Tremblay have sent Gordon a letter saying that, as directors of the corporation, they'll fine him \$1,000 for every day he continues to use the Ann Arbor Taxi Service name. Raaflaub says it's possible that AHB Corporation will sue Gordon "for a whole series of unauthorized actions."

Borgsdorf says he and Gordon haven't decided whether to sue Tremblay or Raaflaub. Meanwhile, though, Gordon is talking about filing his own suit against Ameritech—to keep the phone company from listing Tremblay's number as "Ann Arbor Taxi."

But with the threat of the \$1,000-a-day fine, "this matter is coming to a head," Borgsdorf says.

"If I thought there was some sane alternative to litigation to resolve this, I'd be the first to recommend pursuing it," the attorney says. But, Borgsdorf adds candidly, he doubts there's any way to avoid a court battle—"given these two adversaries and their personalities."

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When a snowfall of four inches or more occurs, street snow plowing begins. At this point a number of city departments are called to assist the Public Services Department's staff. While the Public Services Department crews clear the major streets, Parks and Recreation and Utilities Departments' crews begin working on the residential streets. Plowing and de-icing of private streets is provided by their owners. Citizens are advised to remove cars from curbside parking to allow for effective street plowing.

The City has developed a high need snow removal plan to further define the responsibility of the various departments when the snow removal operation moves into a high need situation. High need is described as any urgent situation which requires personnel and/or equipment which exceeds what is available within the department that is primarily responsible to address the service.

A city snow information desk is staffed during snow emergencies. The snow desk tracks the location of plows throughout the city and provides information to the public about the plowing progress. You may

reach the snow desk at (734)994-2359.

The City Administrator may declare a "snow emergency" during a severe winter storm. During a snow emergency, special parking restrictions go into effect for all streets in the city. Illegally parked cars may be towed and impounded.

Where street parking is normally permitted, restrictions go into effect to allow curbside access to city crews to clear the street surfaces:

*** On even-numbered days, cars may not park on the even-numbered sides of these streets** in order to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side of the street. Parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses. After the street has been plowed, normal parking may be resumed on both sides of the street.

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*** Designated snow emergency routes must be kept clear of parked cars at all times during the snow emergency.**

When there is a snow event in Ann Arbor, the city depends on its citizens to be helpful, responsible, and aware of the need to remove all snow and ice from the public sidewalks.

During the winter months, many Ann Arbor residents (including children walking to school and the physically

challenged) need to be able to safely use the public sidewalks. This means that all snow and ice should be removed from the entire constructed width of the public sidewalk. This enables people of all ages and physical conditions to have access to clean pedestrian walkways. An important element in providing safe passage of pedestrians during snow events is in the hands of Ann Arbor residents themselves, namely, the removal of snow and ice from public sidewalks. There is an ordinance regarding snow removal (violations can result in fines up to \$500) that identifies the responsibilities of citizens in removing snow from sidewalks. However, clearing snow and ice from sidewalks should simply be looked upon as a combination of courtesy and caring toward all those who need to use the public walkways.

The City reminds owners of non-residentially zoned properties that all snow and ice which has accumulated on the adjacent public sidewalk prior to 6am must be removed by noon. Immediately after the accumulation of ice on such a sidewalk it must be treated with sand, salt or other substance to prevent it from being slippery. Within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation of snow greater than 1 inch, the owner of every residentially zoned property must remove the accumulation from the adjacent public sidewalk. Ice must be treated as mentioned above and removed within 24 hours after formation. Last but certainly not least, please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold.

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Please save for reference throughout the snow months.

That morning in January began like most others for a U-M psychology student we'll call Nathan. He was hungover—again. But this was to be no ordinary day.

The night before, as he remembered it, he'd drunk beer in his East Quad room and popped a couple of Klonopins, a drug his hometown physician had prescribed for anxiety. Nathan had told the doctor that he drank too much because college was "stressful." Every month back in Ohio, his mother filled the prescription and sent him a bottle of sixty pills. A new supply had just arrived in the dorm mail on Monday.

In the morning, Nathan woke with his Tuesday schedule pressing on his mind. He had a ten o'clock psychology discussion class in the basement of East Hall and more classes later in the day. He scrambled to dress, gather his materials, and get out the door.

The first hint something was amiss came when he plopped down in a classroom seat and looked at the instructor. He didn't recognize the teacher. He scanned the room. He didn't recognize the students either. Nathan walked into the hall to check the room number. Then he checked his schedule. There must have been a scheduling change he missed, he reasoned.

The truth came just before noon.

"I stopped by to have lunch in the East Quad cafeteria and sat with some friends I knew there," he recalls. "They were talking about a fraternity party that night. I said, 'When did you start having parties on Tuesdays?'"

The students at the table hesitated. Then somebody said, "This is Friday, man. And where have you been?"

Stunned, Nathan asked back, "What have I have been doing since Tuesday?"

Somebody said, "We thought you were out of town."

Soon Nathan was back in his dorm room, poring through his notebooks. He saw notes from classes he'd obviously attended during the week, lectures he couldn't remember now. He walked over to his wastebasket and looked inside. It was filled with empties—of beer and cough medicine. He also saw the prescription bottle his mother had sent.

All sixty pills were gone.

Nathan, a sophomore who'd come to the U-M with a 3.5 grade point average, had lost an entire academic week in a blackout. That was two years ago. A senior now, he's been sober for more than a year. Even after the trauma of the lost week, Nathan did another six months of drinking and drugging before he decided to seek help.

Like Nathan, most student alcoholics and addicts are young, come from middle-class families, and arrive at the university with sterling qualifications.

The Shadow World of Student Alcoholics

Boozing, bingeing, and hitting bottom at the U-M.

by Lowell Cauffiel

cialist and medical director of a nationally recognized treatment program at Chelsea Community Hospital. "Take a young kid who is scared and lonely, take him away from his friends and family, and put him into a highly competitive environment. Add alcohol, and shake, not stir. If you've got some of the other factors, such as family history, it's the perfect mix."

In the wake of highly publicized campus riots and alcohol-related deaths at colleges nationwide, the U-M and other schools are trying to curtail "binge drinking" on campus. But at Michigan, little is being done to address the most chronic cases of alcohol and other drug abuse. Even the word "alcoholic" makes university officials uncomfortable. A 1998 U-M *Alcohol Media Guide*, for example, minimizes the possibility that Michigan students could be full-blown alcoholics and urges spokespersons to avoid the term altogether.

The reluctance to acknowledge alcoholism carries a peculiar irony at the U-M. The university is the former school of a young premed student and fraternity brother named Bob Smith.

In 1935, "Doctor Bob" cofounded Alcoholics Anonymous, the genesis of a worldwide alcohol and drug recovery movement that flourishes today. All that was far in the future, though, when Smith left the U-M in 1907.

He was thrown out for drinking.

Nathan's story: starting young

People just don't become alcoholics at age twenty, let

alone while making the grade at Michigan. At least that's what Nathan kept telling himself.

"My thing at the time was 'I'm young, I'm partying,'" Nathan recalls of his drinking mind-set. "And alcoholism is seen as a matter of weakness or laziness. U of M students, after all, are strong willed and work hard. It doesn't fit what is expected of the students here."

But when Nathan registered at the university in 1996, his drinking habits already were pathological. His father, a successful petroleum company analyst, wanted his son to attend a prestigious university. In high school, Nathan responded during the week by earning top grades and by running on the cross-country team.

The weekends were another story.

He took his first drink at age fourteen from the household liquor cabinet—and got drunk. As a high school underclassman, he drank, smoked pot, and inhaled nitrous oxide from whipped cream cans. It's somewhat typical, adolescent chemical dependency therapists say, for young alcoholics to be "cross addicted" to other substances. Ironically, minors often can obtain illicit drugs more easily than alcohol.

By fifteen, Nathan had had his first blackout, or alcohol-induced amnesia. He drank almost an entire bottle of vodka in fifteen minutes at a high school bonfire. He woke up the next morning in a tent. He was soaked in his own urine and vomit.

The experience did not slow him down. As a junior and senior, he often spent weekends "staying with friends" at homes where he could drink without parental scrutiny.

"Even in high school, every time I drank I just got blitzed," he recalls. "I don't think I ever drank socially."

Nathan's early drinking patterns were an omen. A 1998 study released by the National Institute on



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The Shadow World

Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism concluded that young people who begin drinking before age fifteen are four times more likely to become alcohol dependent than those who begin at twenty-one.

At the university, the guardrails came off. He'd down thirty beers on a weekend night. He made an array of excuses to himself: It made him sociable. Everybody did it, or so he thought. Hell, it just felt good.

He began drinking school nights—to relieve stress, he reasoned. He convinced homeless people outside liquor stores to go inside and buy for him. He lifted beers from other dorm rooms. Even so, his demand began to exceed his supply. By then he was drinking during the day, and he worried that classmates and instructors could smell alcohol on his breath.

By the end of his freshman year, Nathan had found the solution. In the East Quad computer center, he did an Internet search for "legal highs" and discovered dextromethorphan hydrobromide, an ingredient in cough syrup. The Robitussin brand even came with what looked like its own shot glass.

"I tried it, and I got really high," he recalls. "And the beauty of it—I could get it before class at the local grocery store, unlike a bottle of vodka. I could do it when I wanted and where I wanted, and nobody knew."

In the summer, he took a clinical psychology internship at a Cleveland-area veterans' hospital. Ironically, Nathan's job was to interview alcoholics in the hospital's detoxification ward as part of a study on enzyme levels in chronic drinkers.

"I'd be in there high, asking these guys extensive questions about their drinking history and patterns," he recalls. "I saw people having seizures and a guy with an enlarged liver as big as a football. My thinking was 'I'm not as bad as these old guys'—not thinking all of them probably started out just like me."

By his sophomore year, Nathan was partying on the weekends and drinking as many as four bottles of cough medicine a day during the week. The obsession with prolonging his high spilled into all of his decisions. He joined a fraternity but sometimes embarrassed himself at parties when he drank. So he stopped going to parties and isolated himself in his dorm room, drinking in the dark and listening to techno music over headphones.

Even so, Nathan managed to maintain a B average. He decided he wanted to major in biopsychology, and was considering a career in pharmacy. "I was always obsessed with the effects of drugs on the brain," he says.

He'd already noticed that he wasn't getting the same kick out of the Robi-

tussin. Once again, he turned to the Internet, where he learned that he could increase the impact of the drug by drinking baking soda and water.

Martin Gleespen, the Chelsea addiction specialist, says Nathan likely was crossing the line between abuse and dependency. Called "loss of control," it's the clinical point of no return—which is not necessarily the same thing as a physical dependency on alcohol or drugs.

"The concept of physical dependency is an outdated one," the physician explains. "Loss of control is where you reach an obsession with the drink or drug. That means when you're not bingeing, you're thinking about it, looking forward to that euphoria. And

Nathan began looking gaunt, his skin transparent. His grades began to slip. There was the weeklong blackout. He invariably picked fights when he drank. Other students were telling him he had a drinking problem.

then you continue to use compulsively, despite the negative consequences it brings."

There were many negatives. Nathan began looking gaunt, his skin transparent. His grades began to slip. There was the weeklong blackout. He invariably picked fights when he drank. Other students were telling him he had a drinking problem. A dorm advisor gave him some pamphlets on alcohol abuse. He threw them away.

The end of his sophomore year, using an ATM card, Nathan pulled \$500 from his father's bank account to buy crystal methedrine, a powerful stimulant. He planned to take his cut, sell the rest, and return the money to the account in a day. But the dealer stole the cash and never delivered the drug. Unable to make good on the account, he confessed to his parents. They picked him up the day after exams.

Back in Ohio, he vowed never to drink or drug again. He stayed sober for three weeks and then went back to the cough medicine. Depressed and suicidal, he enrolled in a ten-week intensive outpatient program for chemical dependency. It introduced him to Alcoholics Anonymous. His junior year, he returned to Michigan sober.

"But I wasn't quite convinced that I had this fatal, progressive disease," he recalls. Four months sober, he relapsed. He drank a bottle of sake at a party and tried to start a fight. It was a convincing evening. "I made a complete ass of myself," he recalls.

That was more than a year ago. He credits his ongoing sobriety to regular attendance at AA meetings. Like most student alcoholics, he shuns the handful of campus meetings, instead attending groups that meet elsewhere in the area.



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Bang for the buck

The U-M has been busy on the subject of alcohol and other drugs. The Institute for Social Research's prestigious *Monitoring the Future* study has charted alcohol and drug use among young people nationwide since 1975. Last October, the university's Substance Abuse Research Center released a study documenting binge drinking at the U-M, concluding it "remains a major health and safety concern on our campus." In the fall of 1998, a series of problems at other universities prompted formation of a binge drinking committee, composed of faculty, administrators, and students looking for ways to address the problem.

Yet amid all this effort, student alcoholics are slipping through the cracks. Last fall, a freshman art student we'll call Kathy arrived at Michigan and contacted the U-M's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) in search of support groups. She'd just been released from a residential program in New Jersey for drug and alcohol addiction.

"I was looking for aftercare and therapy," she recalls. "They couldn't hook me up with anybody. They didn't have anything of that sort."

Throughout high school Kathy had held a job, cooked for her working mother, and shuttled her brothers and sisters to activities—all while putting together an impressive artist's portfolio. She'd also been drinking and drugging since middle school. Supporting a daily heroin habit, she hit bottom stealing money out of the cash register where she worked. An aborted suicide attempt drove her into treatment, where she finished high school after her acceptance by the U-M.

CAPS did tell Kathy about a campus AA meeting, but it was held in the CAPS suite in the Michigan Union. It's largely attended by nonstudents, members say. For recovering college students who value their anonymity in the competitive university environment, attendance means walking past counselors and staff—students call it "the walk of shame." Most avoid the gathering.

The day before classes began, Kathy feared she was going to relapse. She'd heard about an off-campus AA meeting in a church basement out past Stadium Boulevard. She started walking. An hour later, she found the group. It was a large meeting populated with many young people, many of whom had gone through Dawn Farm, an Ypsilanti treatment program.

Next month, Kathy will celebrate two years of sobriety. She's now a premed student with a high B average.

"I didn't expect the U of M to be waiting with open arms," the twenty-year-old recalls. "I have to take responsibility for my own recovery. But I'm still a little shocked at the attitude here. Most every other minority on this campus finds acceptance. They have gay groups, Asian groups, black groups—but when it comes to people dealing with alcoholism, often we're looked down upon. Nobody wants to deal with it."

It's a frequent observation in the university's small community of recovering alcoholics and addicts. But that doesn't necessarily mean that university officials aren't concerned about campus drinking.

They simply appear to be focused on a different drinking population: binge drinkers, defined as men who have five drinks in one sitting, or women who have four. The binge-drinking effort is focused on "harm reduction," or drinking in moderation.

In support of this approach, counselors and researchers cite studies that indicate that most binge drinkers will not develop into alcoholics. How many will? That depends on the study and the criteria. Most national studies agree that 5 percent of the adult population is severely dependent on alcohol. One in ten drinkers become alcoholic. Other surveys show that up to one in four adults suffer from serious problems because of alcohol.

Yet when Marsha Benz, coordinator of alcohol and other drug education at the University Health Service, was recently asked whether alcohol and drug education on campus included "alcoholism" or "chemical dependency," she said, "Not really."

"We're interested in binge drinkers," Benz continued. "And when you start talking about alcoholism, [students] immediately shut down. Among binge drinkers, only a small percentage will become alcoholic. And we're trying to reach the most people we can, looking for the most bang for our buck."

She's not alone in her emphasis. "Our primary concern is not that these students are alcoholic wanna-bes," says psychologist Deb Kraus, CAPS's lead alcohol counselor. "Our concern is that they could have these one-night alcohol problems by bingeing and either hurt themselves physically or in terms of their futures."

Kraus says that when students come to CAPS voluntarily, or when university officials refer them because of documented drinking problems, they are evaluated, interviewed, and referred to a workshop about the causes and consequences of excessive consumption. One preventive approach, called "social norms," enlightens students with results of a survey: six out of ten U-M undergraduates surveyed don't get drunk when they drink, and 16 percent don't drink at all. The emphasis at the workshop is on drinking in moderation.

Binge drinking is a real problem. A U-M study found that 45 percent of its undergraduates are binge drinkers, slightly above the national average. Forty-one percent said they were drinking to get drunk, and 72 percent said they increased their use once they arrived on campus. The U-M students reported a variety of problems from their bingeing, including missed classes and work, poor school performance, physical effects (such as hangovers and memory loss), sexual harassment and assault, arguments and fights, personal embarrassment, driving while intoxicated, and contacts with university police.

U-M officials try to help bingers control their drinking. Marsha Benz says there has been drug and alcohol abuse education at the university since at least 1986. The university now designates 2,500 residential beds as "substance free," the highest percentage of any dorm system in the country, according to U-M sources. Alcohol-free dances and social events are offered.

But the university barely acknowledges the presence of undergraduate alcoholics—

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The Shadow World

even though students like Nathan and Kathy are now a fact of campus life. The U-M's own *Monitoring the Future*

study records that many students arrive on campus with considerable alcohol and drug experience. In a 1998 survey of Ann Arbor high school seniors, a third reported that they had gotten drunk at least once by ninth grade, and nearly two-thirds by tenth grade—both figures very close to national norms. Many students, it seems, are now well on their way to alcoholism before they ever set foot on a college campus.

The prescribed course of action for such dependent drinkers and drug users, according to Gleespen and other addiction specialists, is total abstinence and involvement in support groups like AA or Rational Recovery. Moderation programs only feed alcoholics' denial systems, Gleespen says, perpetuating the illusion they will one day be able to drink normally.

The number of binge drinkers at risk of alcoholism is significant. In the U-M survey, almost 20 percent of undergraduate bingers reported fears that they might be alcoholic. Two-thirds said they drank to relax or to relieve tension. Nearly one in five had consumed an "eye opener" in the morning. Three out of four had memory loss. All of these conditions can indicate developing or full-blown alcoholism.

Chemical dependency is a "biopsychosocial disease," according to Gleespen. "There's some genetic basis, such as family history," he explains. "There's the psychological triggers, such as alienation or stress or depression. And you need the social setting. In other words, if you have the first two and live in a convent, you're not as likely to become an alcoholic as someone in a fraternity house where there's a kegger every Friday."

Gleespen argues that when U-M educators and counselors seek to avoid words like *alcoholic*, they only further stigmatize the disease for those at highest risk. It's called "institutional denial," he says. "If you work for a place that says there's no alcoholism here, and [you're alcoholic], are you going to say you are? That goes against the culture."

Gleespen, who also works with a recovery group for health professionals, says the medical profession had similar institutional denial for years. Then, five years ago, state licensing boards gave doctors and nurses the opportunity to seek treatment confidentially instead of losing their licenses.

"In that five years, the number of health professionals who have sought treatment in the state grew from a handful to six hundred who are now in treatment," Gleespen says. "Professional recovery meetings grew from five to twenty across the state."

Getting help

It wasn't a test or a workshop that helped drive a U-M graduate student we'll call Steve into treatment six years ago. It was what he calls the "three Ps"—academic, disciplinary, and social probation, all

at the same time. The sanctions came for failing grades, fighting, and vandalism at the small Indiana college he attended as an undergrad. He came to the college with a 3.6 average.

Steve's teenage and college drinking career ended in a final drunken rampage at the Indiana school. In one March night, the varsity athlete brawled at an intramural basketball game, then put a hockey equipment bag over his shoulder, and burst into dorm rooms and apartments, stealing fellow students' stereos, CDs, and other valuables as they stood by helplessly. He filled two rooms with contraband.

"For months, the pain inside me from my drinking was worse than anything I could do externally," he recalls. "I was trying to act out and make the outside match what was going on inside."

The outside asserted itself in the form of a litany of charges from campus police. Suspended and required to attend counseling, Steve went to AA, returned to school, and graduated. He has been sober ever since.

Steve says the legal and academic consequences helped him break through the delusion that he might one day control his drinking. It's a common route to recovery, say addiction experts. Companies with employee assistance programs routinely present alcohol-dependent workers with a choice: get into treatment or be fired. Those who opt for treatment often find it a lifesaving eye-opener regarding the progressive nature of their disease.

The U-M Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR), the university's disciplinary arm, does have a series of sanctions for students with alcohol-related student code violations. The first violation brings a warning letter and a conference with OSCR staff. The second offense mandates an alcohol workshop. But unlike employers, the university does not attempt to force students into treatment.

"If a student has a third alcohol violation—and this does not happen frequently—one of our limits is we cannot mandate counseling," explains Gwyn Hulswit, OSCR's intake coordinator. "What we can mandate is an alcohol assessment. So if a student has a third alcohol violation, we send them to CAPS for that. That way they can talk with them and figure out what's next."

Psychologist Deb Kraus at CAPS says university counselors are in no position to call a student alcoholic, nor do they directly suggest treatment. "Our goal is to help them look at their drinking a little bit differently. We're not trying to make it the intervention that is going to change their life."

Dr. Bob Smith, the AA founder expelled from the U-M for drinking in 1907, would scarcely recognize his old school. According to Hulswit, not one student with alcohol problems has been expelled, suspended,

or even required to seek counseling since the present student conduct code took effect in 1996. Hulswit says OSCR cannot mandate counseling because, in the opinion of university legal counsel, it presents "legal complications for free-speech issues." A half dozen students in trouble with OSCR have voluntarily gone into treatment in the past four years.

Steve, who frequently works with recovering students as a member of AA, says he was surprised when he arrived at Michigan at the low numbers of recovering alcoholic students. In his undergrad college in Indiana, about fifty of the 2,000 students were members of various support groups. In Ann Arbor, where the student population

is more than fifteen times as large, there are perhaps a dozen, he says.

The university has its own recovery program at Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center. Counselors there, however, report that they treat university students "only sporadically" and that most of those are older, graduate students.

"I think one of the problems here is that the university is addressing a population of binge drinkers at the expense of a chronic population that needs greater help," says Steve. "There has to be two approaches. You need harm reduction, but you must have a zero-tolerance approach, with the appropriate support system, for the problem drinkers and alcoholics as well."

Steve and other recovering students say the university could help by offering a more anonymous location for support group meetings, providing housing specifically for students in recovery, and hiring a counselor who specializes in working with adolescent and young-adult addiction.

Gleespen agrees. "I have to give the university credit," he says. "They are addressing the [binge drinking] problem. But they have a blind spot, and that is the alcoholic-dependent student."

"I treat young people in my practice. Kids are not stupid. Hell, these kids are at the U of M. If they paid attention at all in high school, they've already learned quite a bit about alcohol."

"What the students need to be able to understand, if controlled drinking doesn't work, [is] that there's a whole new level of help available—and there's no shame in it. If you can't 'drink like a man,' know that is not because you're weak, stupid, or bad, but that you have a biopsychosocial illness."

Nathan, the psychology student who lost a week in a blackout, agrees. He says he received an education at Michigan he never anticipated. It came in the form of pain and humiliation, and the instructor was alcohol.

"You know, I know how to drink," he says. "And now I know how to stay sober. I see students just like I was, but they think they're too young to have a problem. They just don't see it yet."

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Smoke House Blues

Shades of Pascagoula

Eating the pulled pork at Smoke House Blues, I thought of all the barbecue joints I tried while growing up in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Some were mere lean-tos set up in vacant lots, but you could see (and smell) them blocks away, the clouds of white smoke, scented with hickory or pecan, billowing out from makeshift smokers made from old refrigerators or barrels. One of my favorite places, in a residential section of town, always had a large number of people milling around on the sidewalk out front. I suspected they were there just to inhale that smoky perfume.

Smoke House Blues is on Washtenaw near Golfside, in the heart of fast-food row. There isn't even a sidewalk for the barbecue junkies to stand on. But at certain times of the day, you will find the parking lot almost full, and there are long lines inside on weekend nights.

The slow-smoked pulled pork (\$8.75) is pork shoulder that's smoked for hours, pulled from the bone, and lightly moistened in a tangy barbecue sauce. After I tried that dish, it took a while for my taste buds to ease back into their seats. I also liked a succulent half chicken smoked and basted in barbecue sauce (\$9.95) but found the smoked turkey breast dinner (\$9.50) dry and overcooked.

My favorite was the Memphis-style ribs (\$8.99/\$10.99/\$14.99). They come with a knife the size of a small garden trowel, but you barely need it—the ribs are so tender the meat pulls away at the first bite. Some rib joints pour on so much sauce that the only safe place to eat them is on newspaper-covered tables in the backyard, with a roll of paper towels as the centerpiece. Smoke House Blues ribs, seasoned in a dry rub of herbs, aren't that messy—and besides, Smoke House isn't that kind of place.

It is a good place to socialize. So often when I dine with friends, I find myself yelling to be heard and listening to others with a head angled in their direction like a broken wind vane. Not at Smoke House. There is a steady flow of blues music, but never at an obtrusive volume. The crowd includes couples, singles watching TV at the bar while they dine, and weary workers at the end of the day. On Sunday afternoons, large families pull tables together and dine in their best clothes. Smoke House isn't a white-linen restaurant, but it easily could be—except that you'd be nuts to use white with that much barbecue sauce around.

I couldn't help noticing that the wait-staff was constantly on the move, but

not in a harried way that usually means spotty service—on both my visits, everyone was friendly and accommodating. Nestled in my favorite spot in front of the fireplace, I explored the rest of the menu.

The catfish (\$10.95) is fried in a crispy, mild cornmeal batter. Before you reach for the tartar sauce, try the spicy Cajun rémoulade sauce that comes with it—it's a powerhouse of fresh ingredients, not something out of a can. There's also a selection of grilled entrees, including peppercorn strip steak (\$14.95), honey mustard chicken (\$10.95), and Atlantic salmon (\$13.95) (the fish is served with that same refreshing rémoulade sauce). The big surprise for me, though, was the jambalaya (\$10.95). Despite having a red tomato base instead of the traditional roux, it was a Creole carnival of peppers, celery, sausage, smoked chicken, and pork served over rice. The portions were amazing—you could easily share this dish with someone else. In fact, that's the norm for most of the entrees. Even the sandwiches are packed so full they're best eaten with a fork.

Side dishes—you get your choice of two with most entrees—are your standard barbecue accompaniments: red-skinned mashers, red-pepper corn, southern greens, and a potato salad almost as good as what I grew up eating at potluck dinners on Saturday nights. My favorite by far was the fried okra (which also appears in the appetizer section). Like the Tabasco onion rings (\$2.95), the okra is fried in a cornmeal batter that, despite its definite crunch, is so light that the okra is comparable in texture to tempura-style foods. The onion rings with their spicy ranch dip remind me of the onion blossoms typical of New Orleans restaurants. With the exception of the Buffalo-style smokehouse wings, I did not find any of the fried foods greasy. Maybe I'm just fooling myself, since grease and fried foods go hand in hand, but when I don't see the stuff, the guilt factor is eased.



Some people will find the size of the servings at Smoke House Blues overwhelming. The portions would feed lumberjacks after a day of tree cutting with dull axes. With that in mind, I couldn't help notice that their menu lacked any kid-size food. If I was feeling overwhelmed at the size of my plate, I wonder how children were faring.

Although tempted, I never had room for dessert. Mostly southern themed, there are quite a few options—Memphis Mud, pecan pie (they'll warm it up first), sweet potato pie, praline cheesecake, key lime pie, and hot fudge brownie à la mode—all priced around \$3.50.

A couple of years ago, I went back to Pascagoula. Not much else had changed, but a bait and tackle store had replaced my favorite barbecue place. There wasn't a hint of hickory in the air, and there wasn't a soul on the sidewalk.

At least now I can head to Smoke House Blues for consolation. They may not have sawdust on the floor for dancing the boot scootin' boogie, but the food does a fast dance to a medley of soul, Cajun, and southern cuisine.

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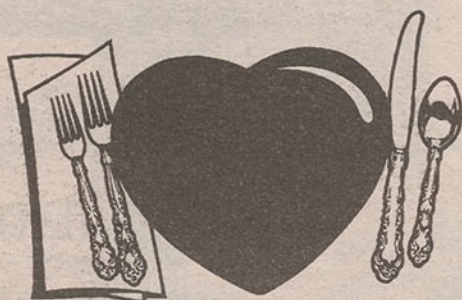
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China Chef

The secret of D

The squeeze bottles on the cafeteria-style tables are a dead giveaway. Industrial ketchup and mustard bottles, they're filled with sweet-and-sour sauce and soy sauce. This tiny restaurant on a busy strip of Washtenaw sells generous portions of perfectly acceptable Chinese food, and if you don't like how it's seasoned, you can always squirt some sweet-and-sour sauce on your egg roll or soy sauce on your fried rice.

Unless you know the secret of D.

You place your order at the cash register and wait at one of the little tables jammed against the wall. Across the room, under a colorful mural of a dragon in flight, a Chinese family is eating whole fish steamed with onion and ginger, along with squid stir-fried with peanuts and peppers, and something that looks like mussels. At the next table, a young couple slurp down huge bowls of beef noodle soup. What are these dishes? Are they even on the menu?

At China Chef the answer is yes and no. For a long time, there really was a "for natives only" menu, handwritten on a wall plaque. If you wanted to order from it, you had to read Chinese. Sort of the Chinese version of soul food, these are dishes Chinese regularly eat at home. When we order them, my husband swears his mama is in the kitchen. Happily for those who don't read Chinese, China Chef has recently put some of these dishes on the regular menu.

There is a secret to finding these home-style entrees on the English menu. They have been squeezed onto the bottom of each section, and they all have a designation number starting with D. For example, D13 is Chinese beef stew: beef cubes and carrots stewed together in a thin, soy-based sauce spiced with anise and ginger. Why D? Well, C is for chicken, P is for pork, and so on. D wasn't being used for anything else. Or maybe D stands for "delicious."

Noodles are a great comfort food, and China Chef has some winning recipes. Beef noodle soup (\$5.95) is a bowl of long, flat noodles in a beef broth spiced with anise, cloves, garlic, and ginger. On top of the noodles are cubes of beef and baby bok choy, and—if you ordered it spicy—hot peppers. Warmly satisfying on a cold winter night, the broth has amazing depth of flavor. I found myself spooning up every drop even after the noodles were gone.

The same flat wheat noodles star in cold noodles with sesame sauce (\$3.95). Listed as an appetizer, the portion is big enough for a meal. The nutty sauce comes studded with finely diced pieces of pickled mustard green. The flavor reminded me of sweet gherkins, and the sesame sauce is creamy and nutty. Sounds like a



strange combination, but it works. If you like mustard green, there is plenty of it in shredded pork with Chinese pickle noodle soup (\$5.50). The name alone lists every ingredient.

Chinese make noodles out of rice as well as wheat. Rice noodles don't stew well, though, and are stir-fried with meat and vegetables instead. Taiwan rice noodles (\$6.95) are straight out of the old country—stir-fried with pork, carrot, celery, onion, and napa cabbage. The sauce is light and deliciously smoky-flavored. Singapore rice noodles (\$6.95) get the same treatment, but with a curry sauce.

In home-style cooking, simple is often the best. Shelled shrimp with ginger and onion (\$8.95) is a huge portion of shrimp, left in the shell and stir-fried with ginger, garlic, onion, and salt. These can be eaten shell and all, or peeled at the table. They are divine either way, and it's fun to lick the onion- and ginger-flavored oil off your fingers after peeling. Another simple dish is the sautéed string beans (\$6.50). Green beans are fried until chewy and then sauced with a simple soy-sesame-green onion dressing. Ma po tofu (\$6.50) is an authentic version of this dish, with no extraneous vegetables, just pork and tofu chunks floating in a spicy red gravy.

There are over twenty items on the Chinese D menu. The rest of the English menu consists of nice but rather ordinary versions of typical stir-fries. Portions are big, and you can get them in combination plates with fried rice and an oily, fist-sized egg roll. China Chef sells a lot of these combination plates for takeout. You can also eat in, if you can find room at one of the half dozen tables. It is telling, I think, that the English menu combos come on paper plates with plastic forks. The Chinese specials? They arrive on real plates and are eaten with reusable chopsticks out of ceramic rice bowls.

Clearly, it pays to know the secret of D.
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Local restaurateur Demos Panos (Smokehouse Blues, the Brown Jug, Papa Chulo's) had bought the building, then a restaurant called Cassidy's, in 1992. Panos renovated and reopened it first as a Florida-themed seafood restaurant called the Inland House, then as a more casual eatery called Papa Nick's. Neither was a resounding success, so in 1996 Panos brought in Gary Garlacz, who had recently opened Dexter's Pub, and Milligan to come up with a new concept. They spent seven months and \$650,000 turning the high-ceilinged, barn-like building into a tavern they planned to call the Creekside Inn, and were just two weeks away from opening when the place erupted in flames. Police suspected arson.

Suspicion might have fallen on the partners themselves had the fire not been so financially devastating. "The insurance company did their own investigation, and they went through our finances, and they knew immediately this was going to kill us all," Milligan says. "They ended up paying off really fast." Police eventually targeted and began tailing a woman they suspected was responsible for several fires in the area—and finally caught her in the act. Although she didn't admit to setting the Creekside fire, Milligan says the police were confident they had the real culprit. "When she went to prison," he points out, "the fires stopped."

After the insurance settlement, Panos and Garlacz ended up selling their shares—Panos went on to other restaurants; Garlacz sold Dexter's Pub and moved out of the area—but Milligan decided to tough it out. "My only hope of getting the money back was to try and see it finished," he says.

With new partners Jamie Schmunk and Andy Copp, both in the construction business, Milligan began the long, slow process of rebuilding. Together, the three men added 1,000 square feet to each of the building's two floors, broke up what was once a big, open rectangle into more intimate rooms framed in oak and etched glass, and installed a beautiful copper ceiling in the bar. Milligan says his partners did most of the detail work, but that he helped as much as he could. "I learned real fast," he



Andy Copp and Tom Milligan: open at last!

laughs. "And you always need someone to carry the heavy stuff."

The result is a beautifully appointed restaurant, unrecognizable from its Inland House/Papa Nick's days. The front dining room is brightened with a wall of windows; a smaller, more intimate dining room feels cozy with forest green walls above oak wainscoting. The rooms are warm and inviting, rich with wood and brass trim and accented with wildlife prints and live plants. On the west side of the building, an enormous deck overlooks Honey Creek—the "creekside" for which the restaurant was named.

Former Knight's chef Bob Walker heads up the kitchen, overseeing a broad menu of sandwiches, salads, fish, and hearty entrees like sautéed calves' liver, pork medallions, and mesquite-grilled shrimp. The restaurant specializes in hand-rubbed, house-smoked barbecue, including ribs, chicken, pulled pork, and "Thirty Hour Brisket"—it's marinated for eighteen hours and smoked for another twelve. One mouth-watering-sounding sandwich, the Wichita Brownie, combines all the smoked meats together on a grilled sesame seed bun.

The Creekside has a single menu for both lunch and dinner. "I didn't want to eliminate people who wanted to go out and spend six dollars on a sandwich at night instead of fifteen dollars on a dinner," Milligan says. The result is a menu that spans the price spectrum, with sandwiches around \$6 and entrees ranging from \$9.95 to \$21.95, for a twenty-four-ounce, hickory-grilled rib eye.

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Now that the holiday rush is behind him, Milligan is concentrating on training staff and working out the opening kinks. "We're going to go through some growing pains," he says. "But we're drawing a nice clientele, and people seem to like the place."

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Lowe's is counting on women customers to survive in Home Depot's shadow.

Home Depot sells aisle after aisle of lumber, tools, light fixtures, ceiling fans, ladders, carpet, paint, and plumbing. So does Lowe's. Both stores have lawn and garden centers, massive dollies for big purchases, and an aproned greeter who hails you as you walk in the door. In fact, to the casual observer, the distinction between Home Depot and Lowe's is largely cosmetic: at Home Depot, everything is splashed a lurid, Day-Glo orange; at Lowe's, the color of choice is blue.

According to Lowe's, however, the key difference is demographics. "We're geared more towards a female shopper, with a warmer, more shopper-friendly feel," says company spokesperson Jule Schreffler. To that end, Lowe's stocks lots of home appliances, and puts a great deal of emphasis on its in-store renovation and design centers, especially the kitchen design center, featuring Laura Ashley brand paint. Lowe's also has a somewhat more spacious layout, presumably on the theory that women and others who might be new to home improvement shopping are intimidated by cramped quarters. "We've got the widest aisles in the industry," Schreffler says proudly.

As for the similarities, they're by design. Lowe's is by far the older company—it sprang from a single old-fashioned emporium, North Wilkesboro Hardware, in 1921—and until the late 1980s was the top home improvement chain. That all changed when Home Depot came charging from behind to unseat Lowe's and seize the number-one slot. Lowe's, which as late as 1997 had stores only on the East Coast, sat up and took notice. Led by president Bob Tillman, the chain dramatically revamped its stores, boosting square footage from 20,000 square feet to 100,000-plus square feet in a calculated imitation of Home Depot's warehouse format, and took on Home Depot in its top markets.

Lowe's management feels the strategy has worked. "In Dallas and Atlanta, for example, we've gone head to head with Home Depot and have been very pleased by our results," says Schreffler, the company spokeswoman. According to a 1998 article in *Fortune*, Lowe's Dallas stores

exceeded projections by 20 percent, generating over \$1 million in sales apiece during the first week alone. The company is hoping to repeat this kind of success, on a smaller scale, here in Ann Arbor. "We do extensive customer research before we enter a market," Schreffler says. "We expect to do quite well."

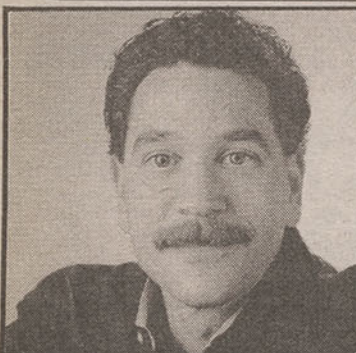
The Ann Arbor store is a whopping 115,000 square feet plus a 30,000-square-foot lawn and garden center. Inventory will include tens of thousands of items, with over 400,000 more available fairly quickly via special order—another area where Lowe's tries to differentiate itself from the competition. If Lowe's other Michigan stores are any indication, prices will be similar to Home Depot's, but even here, Lowe's is hoping to give itself the edge. If you find a lower price on an item—at Home Depot or anywhere else—Lowe's will beat it by 10 percent.

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, 3900 Carpenter Road, 477-5980. Tentative hours: Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat. 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Briefly Noted

Stop in to buy a snowboard, walk out with a condo. Soon, skiers and golfers will be able to buy equipment, make resort reservations, and even shop for up-north real estate in one stop, now that **Bavarian Village** has merged with Boyne USA Resorts. Bavarian Village's eight southeast Michigan locations—including the store on Washtenaw Avenue—are being remodeled after Boyne's own rugged-looking Petoskey retail shop, and have been renamed **Boyne Country Sports**. The Bavarian Village name will remain attached to the ski and snowboard specialty departments within the newly remodeled stores.

"It's a perfect marriage," says Bavarian Village president Richard Held. "We've always known that Boyne's customers are Bavarian Village customers, and vice versa. We can now service those people wherever they are, and do it better than ever before."



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Indeed, both companies were founded at about the same time—Boyne in 1947, Bavarian in 1958—and with the same goal: to promote skiing, then popular mostly in Europe and the western United States, in the Midwest. Boyne founder Everett Kircher started Boyne Mountain in northern Michigan with a used chairlift he bought from a resort in Sun Valley, Idaho. Bavarian Village founder John Held, also an avid skier, opened his first shop in Detroit a decade later. Today, Boyne USA has resorts in Michigan, Utah, Montana, and Washington. By merging retail operations with Bavarian Village, Boyne now boasts twenty-eight stores, including pro shops and resort boutiques.

Boyne Country Sports customers can already buy advance lift tickets and qualify for discounted Boyne lodging with the purchase of over \$250 in merchandise. Eventually, they'll also be able to reserve Boyne tee times and make Boyne room reservations, reserve ski and golf packages throughout the United States at American Express Travel desks set up inside the stores, and even shop for a condo: information about buying Boyne property will be prominently displayed in the store.

Boyne Country Sports, 3336 Washtenaw, 973-9340. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m.

Eighteen months after New York Carpet World was acquired by the Georgia-based Maxim Group, both Maxim and New York Carpet World have changed their name to Flooring America. The Washtenaw Avenue store continues to sell carpet, area rugs, laminate flooring, and vinyl and ceramic tile.

Although few customers were aware of it, this is actually the second time the chain was acquired by a big out-of-state corporation. Carpet manufacturer Shaw Industries bought New York Carpet World, then based in Southfield, in 1996 as a way to break into the retail end of the business, but started looking to sell shortly thereafter when wholesale customers like Home Depot complained that their supplier had become a competitor and stopped buying Shaw carpet altogether.

Flooring America owns or franchises over 1,000 floor-covering stores, including the former New York Carpet World, Georgia Carpet Outlet, and CarpetMAX, the last of which will also be changing its name to Flooring America. The company hopes to open twenty more Detroit-area stores in the next year.

Flooring America, 4559 Washtenaw, 973-2110. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m.

If you've got a pup who likes to shop till he drops, he'll love Petco, the new pet retailer at Arborland where pets are as welcome as their owners. The 14,000-square-foot superstore is due to open in February in the space between Borders and Circuit City, and carries over 10,000 pet products for dogs, cats, rabbits, horses, birds, and



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reptiles, from food, treats, rawhide, and vitamins to carriers, bedding, toys, and even apparel. The store also sells what it calls "small companion animals": mice, ferrets, birds, fish, lizards, and snakes.

The burgeoning pet store industry and its soaring sales would seem to suggest there's room for everybody—one study estimates pet retail sales will hit \$28.5 billion by 2001—but in reality, superstore chains like the 480-store Petco and its chief competition, PetSmart, often gain their share of the market at the expense of smaller independents, according to industry analyst David Mann.

Here in Ann Arbor, **You and Your Pet**, a small shop owned by sisters Nicole Wall and Colette Haentjens, didn't even last long enough to see Petco's opening. The store started out in the old, enclosed Arborland before losing its lease and relocating to Maple Village in January of last year. Martin Liles, who manages Maple Village for New Plan Realty Trust in Southfield, says he doesn't know what's happened to the store. "I thought they were doing okay, but apparently not," he says. The only sign on the shuttered store is an old one: "Starting Friday, August 27, we will open at noon."

Petco, Arborland. Phone and hours unavailable at press time.

Bryan, whose State Street store is just around the corner from CCS, is one of the chief beneficiaries of the closing—but not so much because of the reduction in competition as because of the boost it gave his staff: he's already hired two former CCS employees and hopes to land a third. "I want to be careful, though," he says. "I don't want to make the same mistake [CCS did] and get too big too fast."

Follow-Up

Five years ago this month, the *Changes* column featured six new businesses. Since then, half of them have closed: **The Spot**, a store on Fourth Avenue catering to skateboarders and ravers; **Music Mart**, which opened upstairs on South State and moved out to Ann Arbor-Saline Road before it went out of business; and **Dana's Deli**, then on South Main at Madison where the Ameritech store is now. Dana's moved downtown to Washington Street before closing; its spot there is now the Arts & Crafts Deli.

The five-year survivors are **Au Courant**, the Bennett family's upscale optical shop on Main; **Main Mart** inside the Mailboxes, Etc., franchise on North Main (although the market, once more ambitious, now sells little more than chips and soda pop); and **Findings**, Gerry Dimond's shop in Lamp Post Plaza. In 1995, the store focused on all sorts of media: wall art, soft sculpture, weavings, jewelry. Today, it's almost exclusively a bead shop. "What's different is now I know about beading," Dimond laughs. "Back then, I didn't—I didn't even have needles and thread! Now I have a staff of fifteen, and teachers, and tons of classes. I also have a wider variety of seed beads and project-oriented beads."

February 1995 survival rate: 50 percent

Closings

Competitive Computer Systems on Boardwalk auctioned off its inventory and fixtures and closed just before Christmas. Owner Jemmie Wang says a number of different factors were in play, including the difficulty of running a business long distance (he lives in Texas, and his business partner and father, Peter, was on extended sick leave), dwindling profit margins (computer markups have plummeted from their onetime high of 40 percent to between 4 and 8 percent), declining average selling price, and "other significant reasons that I cannot discuss at this time."

Some insiders suggest that one of those reasons might be the problems CCS was having with Microsoft. In March of last year, Microsoft Corporation announced that the company had filed software piracy lawsuits against several Michigan software distributors, including CCS. The suit alleged that CCS had sold counterfeit copies of Microsoft's Office 97 software package. Wang says he's not at liberty to comment on the lawsuit or its effects on his business, but a former employee says that although the negative publicity from the suit didn't help, the store's closing wasn't directly due to the Microsoft litigation.

Robert Bryan, who owns two local Computer Alley stores, says shrinking margins are indeed a big problem, for him as well as everybody else. "It's hard right now for all computer companies—there's just no margins out there," he says. "But we also do training and rentals. We're trying same-day service. Any little thing we can do to be different, we do."

One year ago this month, Marketplace *Changes* reported nine new stores and restaurants. Two have since closed—Andy Gulvezan's **Crush! Bar** and his competition, the **Liquid Lounge**, in the old Oyster Bar space—and one is still under construction. Nick Easton's **Millennium Club**, above his Cavern Club on First Street, is due to open April 1.

First anniversary celebrants include Main Street neighbors **La Dolce Vita** and the **Chop House**; Daniel and Delphine Stephens's **Ethnic Creations** on South State; the **Barefoot Doctors Apothecary**, owned by Dr. Alison Lee, who has her acupuncture and Chinese medicine practice next door on East Ann; and **Cinnabon** and **Great Earth Vitamins**, both at Briarwood.

February 1999 survival rate: 78 percent

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Zing news nibbles

Hot Chocolate Seen With Mexican Vanilla

Reports have it that Zingerman's homemade Mexican vanilla syrup is mixing it up with their rich hot chocolate. Holly Firmin, an Ohio native now living in Ann Arbor, says: "I love vanilla hot chocolate. The mix of flavors create just the right spice to an already classic treat." Not only is it good, it's on special in February at Zingerman's Next Door.

ZingTrain Managing Partner Recognized!

Maggie Bayless, managing partner of Zingerman's training and consulting arm, ZingTrain, has been invited to write a monthly training column for *Gourmet Retailer*, a specialty food trade magazine. According to Laura Gorman at *Gourmet Retailer*, Bayless was offered the role because "...she can provide [*Gourmet Retailer's*] readership with...credible information necessary to better run their businesses."

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Deli Woos Chocolate Lovers!

Zingerman's Seen Taking 20% Off On Tuesdays!

A surprisingly large number of chocolate fanatics have been spotted hovering around the corner of Detroit St. and Kingsley. "We're starting to get worried," said one local resident who asked for anonymity. "Why would so many chocolate lovers be coming down here? They're wandering around, with that blank, sort of 'I-need-chocolate' stare." Traffic seems particularly heavy on Tuesdays. "It's that special they're running at Zingerman's," reported another resident. "They're taking 20% off all chocolates on Tuesdays—so those chocolate fanatics just seem to keep coming at all sorts of strange hours." Called for comment, Zingerman's chocolate champion, Alex Pratt, confirmed the big discount. Asked for further information, he directed this reporter to a chocolate tasting on Tuesday, February 8 at 7PM. To register for this exceptionally sweet event, contact Zingerman's Catering at 734.663.3400.



Neuman Valrhona finds sweet happiness at the Delicatessen.

Customer and Vanilla Truffle Spotted! Is it a love match?

One chocolate fanatic was particularly taken with the special chocolate Tlan Nacu truffles made with organic Mexican vanilla beans. Named for the farm where the vanilla beans are grown, and meaning "Good Heart," these truffles are truly a pleasure. Made especially for Zingerman's by Vosges Haut Chocolat of Chicago, Vosges

own chocolatier, Katrina Markoff had this to say: "...using vanilla bean with chocolate...reinforces and deepens the chocolate flavor. Vanilla's presence is subtle yet powerful, an unrivaled element used to round the taste, creating a perfect balance." A seemingly perfect treat in the month designated for a world of happy pairings.

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT Found Cooing Over Zingermans.com!

In its holiday gift issue, *US News and World Report* went out on a quality limb and made zingermans.com the lead in its listing of recommended, food-based websites. In fact, the publication's own Linda Kulman went a step further and ordered Zingerman's Sourcream Coffeecake—"...the moist, dense Sourcream Coffeecake came on time and went quicker than you can say dot-com." Our sources say she's smitten!

Speaking of sweets, sources report that Zingerman's has

been hit hard with a "sweet bug." Apparently, Zingerman's Mail Order is prepared to send your loved one a gift box full of Chocolate Cherry bread and Magic Brownies for Valentine's Day. However, if chocolate isn't your honey's desire, how about a truly unique honey? A Deli source swears by the **Spanish Almond Honey**—smooth, with a hint of toffee flavor, it's great paired with tea or toast. Not to mention, Mail Order has a honey of a gift box ready to ship out!

sales secrets revealed!

Our sources have learned that Zingerman's will tell its merchandising secrets on February 21-22, during ZingTrain's two-day, "Award-Winning Merchandising Seminar." Kevin Jones, Owner of The Cook's Shop Pizzeria in Las Vegas and a past participant, had this to say about the seminar: "...I found the training to be first-rate and wholly valuable...neither my business nor I will ever be the same. I have accomplished more...since my return than in the previous 12 months." For more information call 734.930.1919.

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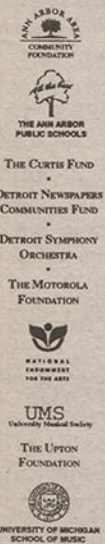
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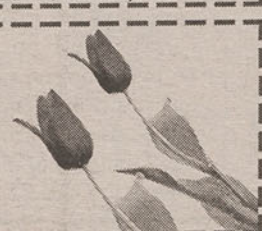
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Next month's deadline:

All appropriate materials received by Thursday, February 10, will be used as space permits; materials submitted later might not get in.

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WARNING!

To save space, many recurrent events are noted only the first time they occur. This includes many weekly and biweekly events. To find a full list of events for the last Wednesday in the month, for example, readers should also check earlier Wednesday listings, especially the first Wednesday.

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1 TUESDAY

★**"Children's Storytime": Arborland Borders.** Every Tuesday & Thursday. Borders staff read a variety of children's tales. Followed by milk and cookies (\$1). 10 a.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Center for Chinese Studies.** Every Tuesday except February 29. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch; cookies & coffee served. Today: "Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of," a talk by U-M Chinese literature professor Shuen-fu Lin on the use of dreams in song lyrics of the Song Dynasty. Also this month: University of Toronto Chinese literature professor John Lynn on "Modernity and Tradition: Huang Zunxian (1848-1905) in Japan (1877-1882)" (February 8), University of Wisconsin East Asian languages and literatures professor Mark Csikszentmihalyi on "The Case of the Drowning Sister-in-Law and Implications for Ritual and Ethics in Early China" (February 15), and Northwestern University religion and philosophy professor Brook Ziporyn on "Ying-Yang Thought in Early Chan Buddhism" (February 22). Noon-1 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-6308.

★**Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Institute for the Humanities.** February 1, 8, 17, & 22. Talks by various U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch. Today: University Musical Society education and audience development specialist Ben Johnson discusses "Form and Structure: The Cycles in Trisha Brown's Choreographic Career." Also this month: mixed-media artist Raymond Materson (see 10 Thursday listing) discusses his work in a talk entitled "A Stitch in Time: A Reflection" (February 8), U-M philosophy professor Stephen Darwall discusses "Sympathy and Recognition in Adam Smith" (February 17), and U-M English professor Michael Schoenfeldt discusses "Bodies and Selves in Early Modern England" (February 22). Noon, 1524 Rackham. Free. 936-3518.

★**"African Music": Ann Arbor District Library "Downtown Sounds" Concert Series.** Afromusicologist and drummer Juma Santos demonstrates and plays a variety of African percussion instruments. Bring a bag lunch; coffee & tea provided. 12:10-1 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 345 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4510.

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** Every Tuesday. Activities include mah-jongg (12:30 p.m.) and a meeting of the ABC Quilters



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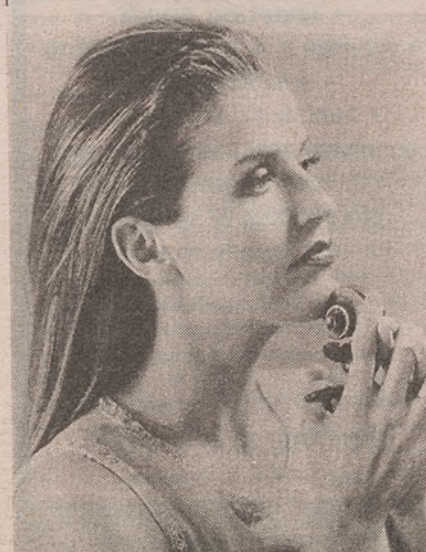
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(1-3 p.m.) to make quilts for HIV-infected babies. All invited. 12:30-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

★**Monthly Meeting: Newcomers Coterie Club of Ann Arbor.** Hanley Teas representative Howard Davis offers a selection of teas and other tasty treats to sample. Coterie is open to all women who have moved or returned to the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area. 12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations required. 663-3651.

★**"Snippets: Women Consider the Body": EMU Ford Gallery.** Opening reception for this mixed media exhibit (see Galleries) of ceramics by Maine artist Aimee Freas-Corp, mixed media works by Adrian artist Nicole Havekost, and prints by New Mexican artist Carol Sanchez. 3-5 p.m., EMU Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, EMU campus, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-1268.

★**"Valentine Crafts with Emily": Learning Express.** February 1, 4, 8, & 11. Kids ages 6 & up invited to make Valentine cards. 3-4 p.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 997-0707.

The Neutral Zone/Ann Arbor Teen Center. Every Monday-Saturday. Young adult center with a variety of fun social activities. Special events this month: Japanese anime (Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m.), DJ training (Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.), and Drummin', a workshop on the basics of drumming for beginners (Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., preregistration required). Also, swing dancing (Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m.) and either movie nights, band parties, or DJ dance parties (Fridays & Saturdays, times TBA). 3-7 p.m. (Mon.-Thurs.), 8 p.m.-midnight (Fri. & Sat.), The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main St. (the old Ark bldg.). Free (unless otherwise noted above). 214-9966.

★**Drop-In Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library.** Every Tuesday except February 29. Stories, songs, and finger plays for preschoolers age 3 and up. An adult must be present in the library but need not attend. This week's topic: "Home Sweet Home." Also this month: "Be My Valentine" (February 8), "More than Three Bears" (February 15), and "To the Stars" (February 22). 4-4:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8301.

★**"Shulchan Ivrit (Hebrew Table)": American Movement for Israel.** February 1, 8, 15, & 22. Beginning to advanced levels of Hebrew speakers invited for conversation. 4:30 p.m., Rendez-Vous Cafe, 1110 South University. Free. 769-0500.

"California Zinfandels": Kitchen Port. Partners in Wine and Cheese owner Karl Johnson and wine expert Steve Haskin discuss and offer samples of Zinfandels. 6-7:30 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). \$18. Preregistration required. 665-9188.

"The 25th Hour": Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan. Rachel Selk discusses her personal organizing and event planning company. The 25th Hour. 6:30-8:30 p.m., 777 Eisenhower at S. State. \$10 (members, free). Reservations required. 332-9300.

U-M Men's Basketball vs. MSU. 7 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$12 & \$15. 764-0247.

★**Track Workout: Ann Arbor Track Club.** Every Tuesday. Runners (and walkers) of all ages and abilities welcome. Now in their 24th year, the Track Club's workouts are a popular means for runners to train and be timed at various distances. 7-8:30 p.m., U-M Track & Tennis Bldg., Hoover at S. State. Free. 663-9740.

★**"A Gathering of Peace": The Free Daist Communion.** Every Tuesday. Prayer vigil for peace featuring the teachings of Adi Da, a Western-born guru Heart Master (formerly known as Da Free John). All invited. 7 p.m., location TBA. Free. 741-0432.

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Sweet Adelines County Connection.** Every Tuesday. All women invited to listen to or participate in the weekly rehearsals of this local 30-member barbershop harmony chorus. 7-10:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. (west of Rawsonville Rd. off I-94), Ypsilanti. Free to first-time visitors (\$18 monthly dues for those who join). 995-4110.

★**Weekly Meeting: Tuesday Night Knitters' Group.** Every Tuesday. Knitters of all levels of experience invited to join this group that meets weekly to knit together and share techniques and ideas. 7-9 p.m., location TBA. Free. 747-9765.

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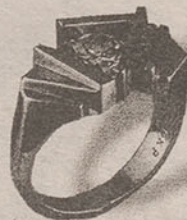
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★**Buddhist Book Club:** Karma Thesum Choling. Every Tuesday. All invited to discuss *The Great Path of Awakening*, Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche's 7-step guide to compassion. Refreshments. 7 p.m., Karma Thesum Choling, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761-7495.

★**"Literary Night":** Conor O'Neill's. Every Tuesday. All invited to read and discuss classic, contemporary, or your own prose and poetry. Led by local high school English teacher Geoff Cost, who begins each evening with a reading from Irish literature. 7-9 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. Free. 665-2968.

★**Seymour Simon:** Ann Arbor District Library/U-M Exhibit Museum. A humorous, informative talk on his adventures in science by this award-winning author of more than 200 science books for children, including several novels about the science detective Einstein Anderson. Aimed at audiences ages 5 & older. Preceded at 6 p.m. by a book signing. 7-8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8301.

★**English Country Dancing:** Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. February 1, 15, & 29. Dance and workshop on historical and traditional English dances, led by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken, with live music by David West and Donna Baird. All dances taught; previous experience and partners not necessary. Comfortable nonslip walking shoes recommended. 7:15-9:45 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. (north of Plymouth Rd.). \$5. 662-5158.

★**"Weight Loss: A Natural Approach":** Guerreso Chiropractic. Talk by local chiropractor Kathy Guerreso. 7:30 p.m., 16 Genesis Bldg, 2309 Packard. Free. 994-7030.

★**"Strengthening and Understanding the Immune System":** People's Food Co-op Herbal Wisdom Series. Talk by local holistic health practitioner Linda Feldt. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 769-0095.

★**"Teens Using Drugs: How to Know and What to Do":** Community Action on Substance Abuse. February 1 & 8. Two-part lecture series by veteran local social worker Ron Harrison. 7:30-9 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off Huron River Dr.), Superior Twp. Free. 973-7892.

★**Biweekly Meeting:** Washtenaw Ski Touring Club. February 1, 15, & 29. All invited to learn about the ski club's various excursions and social events. Also, presentations by members. Tonight: a talk on "Wilderness First Aid: Common Injuries." Also this month: a slide presentation on Oregon's Mount Bend (February 15), and a talk on "Skijoring" (February 29). Preceded by socializing (7 p.m.). 7:30 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662-SKIS.

★**Biweekly Meeting:** Ann Arbor Camera Club. February 1 & 15. Today: Club member Fritz Schafer shows slides taken on several trips to Papua, New Guinea, and other members show their recent slides. Also this month: guest speaker TBA, and club members show their recent prints (February 15). All invited. 7:30 p.m., Forsythe Middle School, room 310, 1655 Newport Rd. at Sunset. Free (\$10 annual dues for those who join). 663-3763, 665-6597.

★**"The Five Ages of the Universe: The Physics of Eternity":** U-M Science Research Club. U-M physics professor Fred Adams, a specialist in star formation and cosmology, discusses this book he cowrote with fellow U-M astrophysicist Greg Laughlin, a speculative history of the cosmos from the big bang and the current (but fading) star-bearing era to a final, mysterious "dark era." Refreshments. 7:30-10 p.m., G-390 Dental Bldg., 1011 North University. (Entrance is from 3rd level of the Fletcher St. parking structure.) Free. 761-4320.

★**"A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life":** Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. Every Tuesday. Talk by Gelek Rinpoche, an incarnate lama from Tibet who currently lives in Ann Arbor. Occasionally, the talk is given by Rinpoche's longtime student Aura Glaser (former owner of Crazy Wisdom Bookstore) or a visiting speaker. 7:30 p.m., Jewel Heart Buddhist Center, 207 E. Washington. Free, but donations are accepted. 994-3387.

★**Spanish Readers Group:** Barnes & Noble. Henry Ford Community College English instructor Pedro SanAntonio leads a discussion (in English and Spanish) of *No se si casarme o comprarme un perro* (Should I Get Married or Buy a Dog?), Argentine novelist Paula Perez Alonso's wickedly ironic meditation on female-male relationships. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**German Speakers' Round Table.** Every Tuesday.

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Peninnah Schram Different worlds

Twenty years ago, returning home to New York City for Thanksgiving break, I caught Peninnah Schram for an evening of storytelling at the Ninety-second Street YMHA (Young Men's Hebrew Association). That evening she told only one story, a piece by the classic Yiddish and Hebrew author I. L. Peretz. For well over an hour she wove the strands of the tale, which was a story within a story within a story. Her technique combines facial expressions, body movements that seem to flow out through her fingertips, and a melodious voice that takes on the speech of her characters without losing its own presence. The audience seemed barely to breathe.

This is storytelling raised to the level of performance art. An evening with Peninnah transports the audience to different worlds and makes us her fellow travelers. She creates a space in which the story lives, a space listeners come to inhabit as well. Even the humorous "Shapsky the Fool"—a tale about a marksman who first shoots his rifle and then paints a bull's-eye around the bullet hole—brings the listener into the heart of an eastern Europe from centuries ago. The daughter of a cantor, Peninnah brings to her storytelling the twinkling eyes of a Hasidic rebbe. Her stories flow through her and through you, so that you are moved with her, not by her. I still feel the memory of my elation that night.

Before I heard her in performance, I had participated in her storytelling workshops. I thought I might pick up an idea or two, or a story worth telling. Instead I was transformed. I learned how to dance my name and feel a story as my own. I learned how to express a character fully by expressing my own sense of the story. Peninnah gave me



the tools to become myself. Unfortunately, I could not learn to twinkle my eyes; yet every time I tell someone my name, I mentally do my name dance and feel her presence.

In addition to teaching and performing, Peninnah collects and edits Jewish folklore, and she has become an organizational leader of a Jewish storytelling revival. Countless professional and casual Jewish storytellers owe their inspiration and their material to her.

Recently, Peninnah has added a new dimension to her work, teaming up with Gerard Edery, a guitarist and singer who specializes in the Sephardic (Mediterranean Jewish) tradition. Adding folk melodies drawn from European and Judeo-Spanish (Ladino) traditions, their performances together flow gently from story to song and back.

Peninnah Schram and Gerard Edery are at Temple Beth Emeth on Saturday, February 5.
—Robert Levy

All German speakers invited for conversation. 7:30 p.m., Café Zola, 112 W. Washington. Free admission. 663-9069.

★Weekly Rehearsal: Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of SPEBSQSA. Every Tuesday. All male singers invited to attend the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. Visitors welcome. 7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium. Free to first-time visitors (\$70 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance for instructions. For information, call John Hancock at 769-8169.

★Weekly Meeting and Rehearsal: Ypsilanti Community Band. Every Tuesday. All musicians invited to join this 50-member post-high-school adult band (no auditions necessary) directed by Jerry Robbins. The band plays a variety of music, including show tunes, marches, and classics, at several concerts annually. Music and stands provided. Visitors welcome. 7:30-9:30 p.m., EMU Alexander Bldg., room 105, Ypsilanti. Free. 485-4048, 769-2425.

★Community Education Series: Dawn Farm. February 1 & 8. Local professionals discuss substance abuse and related issues. Tonight: a panel discussion on "Alcoholics Anonymous." Also this month: substance abuse counselor Paul Schreiner on "Forgiveness and Self-Esteem" (February 8). 7:30 p.m., Dawn Farm, 6333 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free; donations accepted. Preregistration required. 485-8725.

Swing Dance Jam. Every Tuesday. Swing dancing, including the jitterbug, the lindy hop, and other styles, to recorded music at an informal dance on a wooden dance floor. No formal instruction, but experienced dancers are usually willing to share different moves. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. 7:30-9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver Rd. (off Nixon Rd.). \$2. 973-2654.

"Dual Slam": Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. In a poetry slam, poets read one of their works in each round of a tournament-style competition for a \$10 prize and the heady adrenaline rush that accompanies victory. Tonight, contestants can compete solo (as usual) or as a member of a 2-poet team. Preceded and followed

by open mike readings, which usually draw an engaging variety of accomplished poets and entertaining monologists in verse. 8-11 p.m., Club Heidelberg (above the Heidelberg restaurant), 215 N. Main. \$3. For information, call Larry Francis at 426-3451.

★University Symphony Orchestra: U-M School of Music. Kenneth Kiesler conducts this U-M student ensemble in Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*. U-M student conductors lead U-M student Stephanie Johnson's *Mix 7.6* and two concertos performed by winners of the annual music-student concerto competition, Joshua Cullen performing Ravel's *G Major* piano concerto and Gregory Lee performing Dvorak's *Violin Concerto*. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers. Every Tuesday. Ballroom dancing to live music by Detroit-area bands. All singles invited; married couples also welcome. Refreshments. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a dance class (\$3). Dress code observed. 8-11 p.m., Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium. \$5 (members, \$4). 930-0073.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Topsy-Turvy" (Mike Leigh, 1999). February 1-8. Detailed, affectionate biography of the 19th-century comic operetta team Gilbert and Sullivan. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 6:30 p.m. **"Lolita"** (Stanley Kubrick, 1962). Today only. Odd, compelling story of a romance between a stodgy professor and a precocious young girl. Very loosely based on the Nabokov novel. Sue Lyon, James Mason, Peter Sellers, Shelley Winters. Part of the "Spring Kubrick Series" (February 1, 5, 8, & 22). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Mich., 7 p.m. **"Cradle Will Rock"** (Tim Robbins, 1999). February 1-3. This tapestry of social activism in the 30s focuses on a clash between leftist artists and the conservative government paying their bills. John Turturro, Bill Murray, Susan Sarandon. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Mich., 9:40 p.m.

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★**Wednesday Winter Rides:** Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Every Wednesday. The assembled riders choose their own pace, distance, and destination. 11 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 994-5908, 663-4498, 913-9851.

★**Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club.** Every Wednesday & Saturday. All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. Noon-3 p.m., Eberbach Cultural Arts Bldg., 1220 S. Forest at Wells (Wed.); & 3-5 p.m., U-M Diag (Sat.). Free. 913-5831.

★**Brown Bag Lecture:** U-M Center for Russian and East European Studies. Every Wednesday except February 9. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch. Today: European Humanities University (Minsk, Belarus) political studies professor Elena Gapova discusses "Belarusian Discourse: Between Russia and the West." Also this month: Postimes Estonian daily journalist Mai Voorman on "The Role of Journalism in the Integration of Non-Estonians into Estonian Society" (February 16) and University of California political science professor Andrew Janos on "Hungary: Politically Correct on the Edge of Europe" (February 23). Noon, 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0351.

★**"History from Beyond: An Alternative to World History":** U-M Center for South and Southeastern Asian Studies. Talk by University of Amsterdam anthropology professor Peter van der Veer. Noon, 1644 SSWB, 1080 S. University. Free. 764-5261.

★**Wednesday Cooking Class: Kitchen Port.** Every Wednesday. Cooking demonstrations by local culinary experts. Today: Moveable Feast chef Jason Berthold uses phyllo dough, puff pastry, and shortbread as edible containers in making "Elegant Hors d'Oeuvres and Appetizers." Also this month: Great Harvest Bread Company co-owner Janene Centurione makes layered-bread strata, bread pudding, and other recipes that rise to all occasions with "Yesterday's Breads" (February 9), Wusthof-Trident Knives representative Ed Bartush shows how to sharpen knives, judge knife quality, and prepare garnishes with "Knife Know-How" (February 16, free), and Back Alley Gourmet owner Guerda Harris dishes out some delicious, unusual, easy-to-prepare "Soups" (February 23). Noon-1 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). \$5 includes coffee, taste samples, and recipes. 665-9188.

★**ArtVideos:** U-M Museum of Art. Every Wednesday & Thursday except February 3. Series of video documentaries about Chinese art. Today: *The Art Gallery in the Desert* examines prehistoric Gobi Desert cave art. Also this month: *Canal Boat to History* explores art and culture along China's Grand Canal (February 9 & 10), *A Day on the Grand Canal with the Emperor of China* examines a 17th-century scroll (February 16 & 17), and *Ming Garden* shows New York's Metropolitan Museum's construction of a traditional Chinese courtyard (February 23 & 24). 12:10 p.m. (Wed.) & 7:30 p.m. (Thurs.), UMMA audiovisual room, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764-0395.

★**"Buhrrr Blast":** Ann Arbor Parks Department. Every Wednesday. A variety of activities for kids. 3:30-5:15 p.m., Buhr Park outdoor ice rink, 2751 Packard Rd. \$2.50. 971-3228.

★**Colloquia:** U-M Korean Studies Program. February 2 & 16. Today: University of Chicago Korean war and politics scholar Bruce Cummings discusses "Incident at Nogun Village Bridge: An Inquiry into History and Memory." Also this month: University of Chicago Korean literature professor Kyeong-hee Choi talks about "Gender and Male Intellectuals in Colonial Korea" (February 16). 4-6 p.m., SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-1825.

★**"Bodies and Selves in Early Modern England: Physiology and Inwardness in Spenser, Shakespeare, Herbert, and Milton":** Shaman Drum Bookshop Publication Party. U-M English professor Michael Schoenfeldt is on hand to sign copies of his recently published book. Refreshments. 4-6 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

★**10th Annual Professional Spelling Bee and Trivia Challenge:** HelpSource. Three-member teams from area businesses, school districts, and civic groups battle in an entertaining spelling and trivia contest. Includes dinner and raffle. A benefit for HelpSource's senior programs. 5:30-9 p.m., Washtenaw Community College, Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Spectators \$15 (includes dinner). Team entry fees: \$150-\$700. Reservations required. 994-4224.

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★Weekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Toastmasters Club. Every Wednesday. Members give speeches and are critiqued by their audience. Note: Different Toastmasters chapters meet every Monday & Thursday (see listings). 6:15-7:45 p.m., Concordia College Science Bldg., 4090 Geddes Rd. Free to visitors. Dues: \$24 semiannually. 995-7351.

★Weekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Bridge Club. Every Wednesday. Each 2-person team plays two or three hands against a dozen or so other pairs during the evening. Players at all levels welcome. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early to arrange for one. 7-11 p.m., Walden Hills Clubhouse, 2114 Pauline at Maple. (Park on the north side of Pauline.) \$3 per person. 971-7530.

★Monthly Meeting: Huron Valley Model Builders. All invited to join a show-and-tell discussion. Bring your model car. 7 p.m., Lakeview Mobile Home Park clubhouse, 9910 Gerraldine, Ypsilanti Twp. (take I-94 to Huron St. exit and head south, turn left on Textile, turn right on Bunton). Free. 481-1044.

★Reiki Introduction. Local Reiki master Suzy Wienckowski explains this gentle, hands-on technique for reducing stress, relieving pain, and facilitating healing and personal growth. Followed by free minitreatments. 7-9 p.m., location TBA. Free. Pre-registration required. 668-8071.

★"Basic Massage Therapy": People's Food Co-op Herbal Wisdom Series. Hands-on introduction to massage therapy by Sanctuary Massage (Chelsea) owner Kevin Costello. Participants practice on each other. 7-8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 769-0095.

★Transcendental Meditation Introductory Session: Maharishi Vedic School. Every Wednesday. Introduction to a simple, natural meditation technique for creativity, happiness, and fulfillment. 7 p.m., 2574 Old Boston Ct. Free. 996-8686.

★Channeled Spiritual Discussion Group: Deep Spring Center. Every Wednesday. All invited to share their spiritual and metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky. Aaron offers a talk and answers personal and universal questions. Also, socializing. 7:30 p.m., 3455 Charing Cross Rd. (off Packard just west of US-23). Free, but donations are accepted. 971-3455.

★Christian Science Testimony Meeting: First Church of Christ, Scientist. Every Wednesday. The church's lay reader reads different selections each week from the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Followed by testimony of Christian Science healing by congregation members. All invited. 7:30-8:30 p.m., First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1833 Washtenaw. Free. 662-1694.

★Shamanic Journeys: Magical Education Council. Every Wednesday. Using special postures, participants enter a meditative state to the beat of a shaman's drum and discuss their experiences afterward. 7:30 p.m., Inter-Cooperative Council Education Center, 1522 Hill St. (in the carriage house behind the co-op buildings). Free. 665-3522.

★Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Smocking Group. Informal "sit 'n' stitch" gathering for those interested in the English art of embroidery known as smocking and in heirloom sewing. All invited. 7:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663-7867.

★Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Computer Society. Speaker and topic TBA. 7:30-9:30 p.m., 1500 U-M EECS, 1301 Beal, North Campus. Free. 668-1982.

★"Evening Meditation": Karma Thegsum Choling. Every Wednesday. KTC staff members introduce Buddhist thought and demonstrate basic meditation practices. All invited. 7:30-8:30 p.m., KTC, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761-7495.

Cowboy Junkies: Prism Productions. This acclaimed Toronto-based quartet plays a brand of blues- and country-based rock 'n' roll chamber music that suggests a back-porch Velvet Underground. The band's central asset is the utterly mesmerizing voice of Margo Timmins. "She has a beautiful soprano that can reach angelic tones," *Village Voice* critic Evelyn McDonnell observes, "but she keeps it down to earth by softly cupping each word with a spit-filled trill of exhaled moan." Between Timmins's haunted, lunar vocals and the band's spare, at times almost subliminal accompaniment, they transform the songs they play into ghostly apparitions, luxuriously hushed meditations on passing time. The band's first two recordings, released in the late 80s, gained attention for their mutant covers of country, blues, and rock standards, but their subsequent efforts also feature powerful originals written by guitarist Michael Timmins to showcase his sister's eloquently expressive voice. 7:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$20 & \$25 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, the Michigan

Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★"Introduction to Steiner's Thought": Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor. Every Wednesday. All invited to discuss one of Rudolf Steiner's basic anthroposophical books, *Theosophy*. 8-9:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave. Free. 994-3496.

★Monthly Meeting: Thai Speaking Group. Thai speakers of all levels of proficiency invited to get together for conversation. 8-9 p.m., Cafe Zola, 112 West Washington. Free admission. 741-9010.

★Biweekly Meeting: Scandinavian Folk Music Group. February 2 & 16. All musicians invited to join this group to perform Scandinavian folk tunes. The group is led by fiddler Bruce Sagan, who teaches some new tunes and stylings at each meeting. Newcomers welcome. 8 p.m., 2005 Pennacraft Ct. (off Doty from Dexter Ave.). Free. 327-3636.

★Weekly Meeting: Shorinji Kempo. Every Wednesday. All invited to try this Japanese self-defense system, which combines hard and soft techniques with Zen philosophy. 8:30-10:30 p.m., Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third St. at W. Huron. Free to first-time visitors (\$25 monthly dues). 332-1780.

FILMS

MTF. "Topsy-Turvy" (Mike Leigh, 1999). See 1 Tuesday. Mich., 6:30 p.m. **"Cradle Will Rock"** (Tim Robbins, 1999). See 1 Tuesday. Mich., 9:40 p.m.

3 THURSDAY

★Thursday Lunch Bunch: Jewish Community Center. Every Thursday. A weekly program of activities primarily for seniors. The program begins at 10 a.m. with "Adults at Leisure Coffee Hour," a social support discussion group led by local social worker Phyllis Herzig that offers a chance to socialize, listen to music, tell jokes, and relax. At 11 a.m., an educational or cultural presentation. This week: former Krasnodar (Russia) State University performing arts professor Leonora Ivanitskaya introduces her *In the Realm of Games*, an interactive, intergenerational group show, based on techniques from Russian culture, that is scheduled to premiere in May. Also this month: retired clergyman Alfred Rosenberg discusses "Faith Is a Powerful Medicine" (February 10), and Cynthia Phillips leads a guided tour of her JCC exhibit on "Identity, Thought, and Vision: Discussions with Jewish, Arab, and Druze Israeli Artists" (February 17 & 24). At 1 p.m., **Current Events**, a discussion group led by nonagenarian Ben Bagdade. The program concludes with a meeting of the **Senior Literary Group** (2-3 p.m.), a book discussion group led by U-M Dearborn English professor emeritus Sidney Warschausky. All invited. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

★Children's Story Time: Barnes & Noble. Every Thursday. Barnes & Noble staffers present storytelling programs and craft activities for kids ages 2-9. Today's topic: "Valentine Stories." Also this month: Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* (February 14), a children's book from the recently relaunched PBS show "Reading Rainbow" (February 21), and "Black History" (February 28). 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★Wee Ones Storytimes: Magic Carpet Books & Wonders. Every Thursday & Saturday. A half hour of fun and stories for kids ages 2-4 accompanied by a parent. Today and February 5: Bonnie Becker's *Tickly Prickly* and other stories about how things feel. Also this month: Giles Andreae's *Love Is a Handful of Honey* (February 10 & 12), Patricia Hubbell's *Pots and Pans* and other tales about sounds (February 17 & 19), and Hubbell's *Sidewalk Trip* and more about going places (February 24 & 26). 11 a.m., Magic Carpet, Lamp Post Plaza, 2345 E. Stadium. Free. 973-8757.

★Michigan League Tour: The Friends of the Michigan League. Docent-led tour that covers everything from the Michigan League's gorgeous Peabody tile and stained glass to its importance in the history of women at the U-M. 11 a.m., Michigan League. Free. 647-7463.

★Weekly Meeting: Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North. Every Thursday. Speakers and topics TBA. All invited. Lunch available (usually \$8). Noon-1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662-5599.

Thursday Forum: First Presbyterian Church. Every Thursday. Today: local pattern glass collector Rockwell Scherzer discusses "Early American Pattern Glass, 1830-1890." Also this month: former U-M Presbyterian campus minister Nile Harper on "Renewal of Religion in Russia" (February 10), U-M astronomy professor Charles Cowley on

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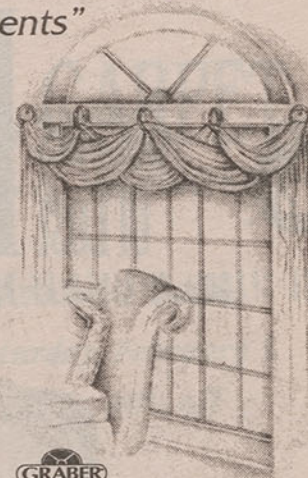
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"Trzybylski: The Craziest Star in the Sky" (February 17), and a talk by Community High School jazz director Mike Grace and a performance by one of the Community High School jazz ensembles (February 24). All invited. Noon-1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church social hall, 1432 Washtenaw. \$3.50 (includes buffet lunch). 662-4466.

★**Noon Lecture Series:** U-M Center for Japanese Studies. February 3, 10, 17, & 24. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars; bring a bag lunch. Today: University of California art history professor Donald McCallum on "Matsumoto Shunsuke, 1944-1948: Desperation, Redemption, Death." Also this month: Washington and Lee University politics professor Robin LeBlanc on "Character Comes Out: Human Beings and Power Structures" (February 10), Temple University history professor Kathleen Uno on "Century of the Child? Approaching Modern Japanese Children's History" (February 17), and Columbia University Japanese history professor Gregory Pflugfelder on "Women, Youths, and Men: Male-Male Eroticism and the Age-Gender System of Tokugawa Japan" (February 24). Noon, 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-6307.

★**Gifts of Art:** U-M Hospitals. Every Thursday. A series of performances by area musicians. Today: a performance by a U-M music school student TBA. Also this month: guitarist Gerald Ross performs love songs (February 10), the Jake Reichhart Trio plays jazz standards of the 30s, 40s, & 50s (February 17), and the new Arbor Opera Company (see 13 Sunday listing) performs light opera & art songs (February 24). 12:10 p.m., University Hospital 1st floor main lobby, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936-ARTS.

★**Guest Lecture:** U-M School of Music. Indiana University horn professor Richard Seraphinoff speaks on a topic TBA. 1 p.m., Stearns Bldg., 2005 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"Access Soapbox":** Ann Arbor Community Television Network. Every Thursday. A chance to express your views, discuss your activities, or announce upcoming events on the local public access station (cable channel 17). Participants are free to talk about anything they wish within CTN guidelines: no direct solicitation of funds, no lottery information, and no material that is obscene, defamatory, invasive of personal privacy, or infringing on copyrights or trademarks. Limited to 5 minutes, each segment features 1 or 2 speakers (with no more than two graphics) who talk directly to the camera. Production crew provided by CTN. Access Soapbox shows are aired daily for one week, beginning on Sunday. 2-7 p.m., CTN studio, Edison Center, Suite LL114, 425 S. Main. Free. Reservations accepted Tues. through Fri. of the week preceding your appearance. 769-7422.

★**"Tiny Tales":** Ann Arbor District Library. Every Thursday. Storytelling program for 2-year-olds. Siblings welcome. 4-4:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8301.

Kids Meeting: Washtenaw Chess Club. Every Thursday. All kids ages 5-12 invited to play chess with their peers. Chess sets & clocks provided. Also, a weekly tournament. 4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-7 p.m., Chess Express, 220 S. Main (below Elmo's Super-shirts). \$3 (first-time visitors, free). 665-0612.

★**Arabic Circle:** U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Every Thursday. All Arabic speakers, from beginners to native speakers, invited for conversation. 4 p.m., 2609 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0350.

★**"Heresy and the Ideal: Hummer, Bloom, and the Critique of the Romantic":** U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series. Denison University (Ohio) English professor and Kenyon Review poetry editor David Baker gives a talk on poet T. R. Hummer's work as viewed through the lens of Romantic theory. (see 8 p.m. listing below). 4 p.m. Rackham Amphitheater. Free. 647-6471.

★**"Perspectives Forum":** First Baptist Church. Every Thursday. This family program includes a family meal (5:45 p.m.) and a guest speaker (6:30-7:30 p.m.). This week: church member Ray Fullerton discusses "Sailing Round the World." Also, this month: Kalamazoo College provost Gregory Mahler discusses "Issues of Water in Palestine" (February 10), Ford Motor Company research scientist Bradford Bates discusses "Fuel Cells and the Future" (February 17), and family therapist Gwen Brehm discusses "Reclaiming the Self: Treatment of Sexual Abuse" (February 24). All invited. 5:45-7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. The meal is \$5 (kids, free); the talk is free. 663-9376.

Thursday Cooking Class: Kitchen Port. Every

Thursday. Cooking demonstrations by local culinary experts. Tonight: Christine Liu, author of *More Nutritional Chinese Cooking*, demonstrates a tasty, traditional "Chinese New Year Dinner" for this February 5 holiday. Also this month: Moveable Feast pastry chef Dallas Newman confects handmade Valentine's Day treats and elegant garnishes with "Chocolate" (February 10), Travis Pointe Country Club executive chef Denise Caudry prepares chili, risotto, braised short ribs, and other hearty "Winter Warm-Ups" (February 17), and Common Grill owner Craig Common cooks some dishes TBA that are "Uncommonly Good" (February 24, preregistration required). 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kitchen Port (Kerrytown). \$7 includes recipes, taste samples, and coffee. 665-9188.

U-M Women's Basketball vs. Illinois. 7 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$5 (youths under 14 & seniors, \$3; U-M students with ID, free). 764-0247.

★**Weekly Meeting:** Washtenaw Toastmasters. Every Thursday. Members develop public-speaking skills and self-confidence in a supportive environment. Note: Different Toastmasters chapters meet Mondays and Wednesdays (see listings). 7-9 p.m., 777 E. Eisenhower dining room (at S. State). Free to visitors. Dues: \$52 a year (after a onetime nonrefundable fee of \$16). 572-9978.

★**Biweekly Meeting:** Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge. February 3 & 17. Networking meetings for women who have interrupted their careers to care for their children. Tonight's topic: "Date Your Mate: Romance in the New Millennium." Also this month: "Great Travel Ideas for Families" (February 17). 7-9 p.m. Genesis Foundation (Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church), 2309 Packard. Free. 677-6177.

★**"Artists among Us":** Arts Group Saline. Local photographer and Washtenaw Community College visual arts department chair Terry Abrams discusses his B&W landscape photography. Refreshments. 7 p.m., Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Rd., Saline. Free. 429-0008.

★**"Unmarried, Not Unloved":** Arborland Borders. Educator Kathleen Valchuk discusses her first book, a guide for happy and productive single living. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

Weekly Meeting: Women with Wings West. Every Thursday. All women ages 8 & older invited to join a chanting circle. Includes traditional and contemporary chants from a variety of spiritual traditions. 7-8:30 p.m., location TBA. \$3 donation. 975-8791, 482-0553.

★**"Kollege":** U-M Basement Arts Theater. February 3-5. U-M student Steve Best directs his play about college life "as it is, or should be, or appears to be, or really isn't at all." Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze basement), 105 S. State St. Free. 764-6800.

★**"All about Love":** Liberty Borders. Social critic Bell Hooks discusses her eighteenth book, which challenges prevailing notions of romantic love. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

Weekly Meeting: Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. Every Thursday. Instruction for intermediate-level dancers in a wide range of traditional and contemporary Scottish dances, followed by social dancing. Soft-soled shoes recommended. Refreshments. 7:30-9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver Rd. (off Nixon Rd.). \$3. 769-4324, 426-0241.

★**"Oz's Open Mike":** Oz's Music Environment. All musicians invited. Cohosted by local singer-songwriters Lili Fox and Shell. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oz's, 1920 Packard. Free. 662-8283.

★**"First Thursdays Performance Series":** U-M Museum of Art. Local performance artist Jeff Steiger directs the U-M student troupe Talk to Us in their new interactive theater piece about the joys and frustrations of looking at art. Also, flutist Emily Perryman and vocalist Anne Adams, the duo from the local 20th-century music ensemble Brave New Works, perform works by Warren Benson. 7:30 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764-0395.

Beck: U-M Office of Major Events. This inventive alternative rock singer-songwriter showcases his genre-splicing mastery in a kaleidoscopic program of songs stuffed with elements of everything from hip-hop and punk to old-time country and bossa nova, and salted with techno and glittery funk. Beck's surprising, offbeat lyrics lift his music above glib exercises to create songs that engagingly walk the line between homage and parody. Tonight's concert features material from his latest CD, *Midnite Vultures*, an album whose layered wizardry, drawing heavily on soul, funk, and hip-hop, ranges from the the party jam "Mixed Bizness" to the funky, soulful electronic of "Nicotine & Gravy." 7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$22.50 in advance at the Michigan Union



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★Biweekly Meeting: Ann Arbor Ski Club. February 3 & 17. All invited to learn about the club's downhill and cross-country ski and snowboarding outings and other social activities. Tonight's meeting is followed by a dance. Newcomers welcome. Must be 21 or older. 8 p.m., Schwaben Halle, 217 S. Ashley. Free. 761-3419.

★David Baker and Ann Townshend: Shaman Drum Bookshop. Readings by these 2 poets. Baker, a Denison University (Ohio) English professor (see 3 p.m. listing above), is an award-winning poet known for his contemplative, plainspoken, often tenderly lyrical poems about love, the natural world, and small-town life. Townshend, who is Baker's wife, recently published her first collection, *Dime Store Poetics*. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

“World Wide Rhythms”: U-M Dance Company. February 3-6. This U-M dance-student company presents an evening of works by U-M dance faculty and by guest artist Donald McKayle, a Tony and Emmy Award-winning dancer and choreographer who has choreographed 7 Broadway shows and several ballets and feature films. The program features his *Rainbow Suite*, a recent adaptation of his 1959 classic *Rainbow Round My Shoulder*. Set to recordings of traditional chain-gang songs collected by John and Alan Lomax, it is a powerful, emotionally direct work about the dreams of life on the outside that occupy members of a chain gang as they rest from their work. Also, works by U-M dance professors Augusto Soledade, Evelyn Velez-Aguayo, Sandra Torijano, and Robin Wilson. 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$14 & \$18 (students, \$7) in advance at the Michigan League Box Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-0450.

“Cosi fan tutte”: Michigan Opera Works. January 27 & 29 and February 3 & 6. Musical director Tania Miller and stage director Rebekah Nye lead this non-profit student opera company in Mozart's beloved comic opera about two Neapolitan soldiers who decide to test their sweethearts' faithfulness by wooing them disguised as foreigners. They are aided in their scheme by a mischievous housemaid and a cynical old man. Sung in Italian. Cast: Kira Slovacek, Christina Rohm, Allen Schrott, and David Gordon. Also, a gala fund-raiser accompanies the February 6 performance (location and time TBA, \$50). 8 p.m., Residential College Theater, 701 East University. Tickets (price TBA) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS. 487-1221.

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Performance Network Professional Season. February 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, & 24-27 and March 2-5. Malcolm Tulip directs comedian Steve Martin's inventive, sharp-witted play about an imaginary meeting, set in a Parisian cafe at the turn of the last century, between Picasso and Einstein. The action is an exhilarating mix of dramatic speeches, surreal episodes, sexual sparring, music hall bits, and comedy both high and low. “The joy of this play lies in seeing historical characters treated as flesh and blood,” says director Tulip. “We see them as randy barflies in an intellectual Cheers. We see them before their success but with egos in-

tact, full of confidence.” Cast: Thomas Hoaglund, Paul Riopelle, Carla Milarch, Dara Seitzman, Dan Kenney, Rob Sulewski, Bart Williams, Dan Kahn, and Nick Barnes. 8 p.m., Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Tickets \$18 (seniors, \$15) on Fri. & Sat. & \$15 (seniors, \$12) on Thurs. & Sun. in advance by reservation and at the door. Tonight's preview performance is whatever you can afford to pay. For reservations, call 663-0681; to charge by phone, call 663-0696.

“The Lady's Not for Burning”: MorrisCo Art Theater. February 3-6. Patricia Rector directs this classy local theater company in Christopher Fry's romantic, poetic, and witty drama, set in the 15th century, about a disillusioned, world-weary soldier who wishes to die. He tells townspeople he's committed murder and must be hanged, but the townspeople brush him off in their excited pursuit of a young rich woman accused of witchcraft. In time, the soldier's embitterment turns to a fragile hope for romance and a future. Cast: David Blixt, Mary Anne Nemeth, Jeremy Anderson, Larry Rusinsky, Lenore Ferber, Isabella Cederquist, Peter Greenquist, Jeffrey Springer, David Zinn, William Cross, and Andy Jentzen. 8 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater. Tickets \$15 (students & seniors, \$12) available in advance or at the door. 996-2549.

★UAC Comedy Company: U-M Michigan League “Spotlight Thursday.” February 3 & 17. An evening of original skits by this popular U-M student comedy troupe. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League Underground, 911 North University. Free. 763-4652.

Bill Thomas: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. February 3-5. Thomas is a popular stand-up comic from Detroit with a wisecracking wit, acid tongue, and affable manner who specializes in fresh topical humor. Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. 8:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. Tickets \$10 reserved seating in advance, \$12 general admission at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996-9080.

Argentinian Tango: The Latin and Argentine Tango Club of Detroit. Every Thursday. Tango dancing to recorded music. Preceded by beginning (7 p.m.) and intermediate (8 p.m.) lessons. 9-10 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). Entire evening \$10 (couples, \$15). (313) 561-3236.

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4 FRIDAY

74th Annual Kiwanis Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor-Downtown. February 4 & 5. Bargain hunters, antiques collectors, and vintage clothing buffs vie intensely for parking and entry to this popular event, the biggest of the annual Kiwanis sales. Includes antiques, clothing, shoes, sporting goods, hardware, appliances, dishes, furniture, books, toys, records, cameras, and more. The sale annually grosses more than \$65,000. Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis's numerous local service projects. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Kiwanis Activities Center, 200 S. First at Washington. Free admission. 665-0450.

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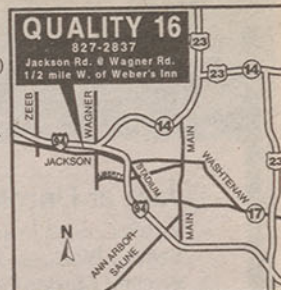
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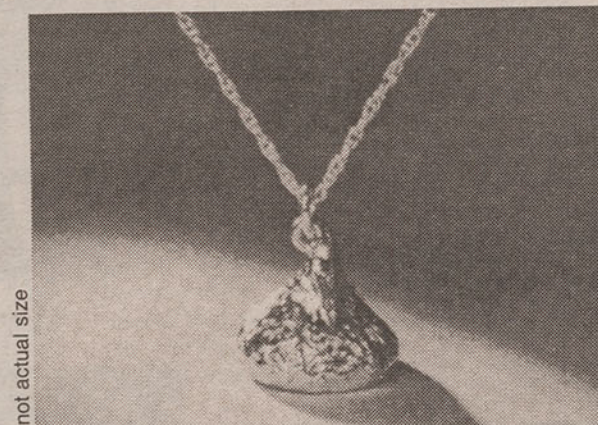
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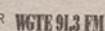
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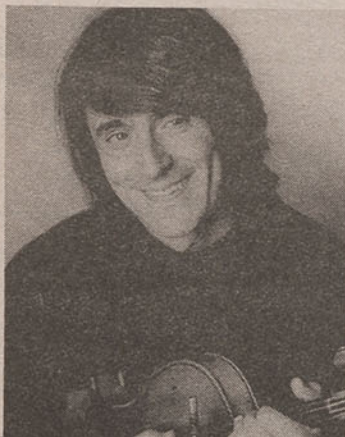
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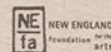
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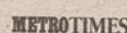
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Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m.
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Outer space, science fiction and folk art are the combined inspiration for Meredith Monk's newest music theater adventure. Shimmering with Monk's signature wit and whimsy, this full-evening work takes a look at the earth through the telescopic and microscopic vision of spirits from other realms, combining vocal and instrumental music, movement, images, light and specially designed objects.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Funded in part by the National Dance Project of the New England Foundation for the Arts with lead funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Additional funding provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Phillip Morris Companies Inc.

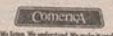


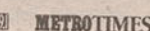
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Doudou N'Diaye Rose master drummer Drummers of West Africa

Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m.
Hill Auditorium

Under the direction of the incomparable Doudou N'Diaye Rose (pronounced doo-doo en-lai rose), the Drummers of West Africa are quite probably the most revered percussion orchestra in the world. Reverberating like a tremendous rhythmical machine, superimposing complex and elusive patterns, the 35 members of the Drummers of West Africa create the innumerable rhythms that punctuate the life and ceremonies of Senegalese society.

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Martha Clarke Vers la flamme

Christopher O'Riley, piano

Friday, February 11, 8 p.m.
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Pairing the poetry and poignancy of Anton Chekhov's short stories with the fiery transcendence of Scriabin's solo piano repertoire, choreographer Martha Clarke presents her new full-length dance-theater work, *Vers la flamme* ("Toward the Fire"). In this latest creation, Clarke interprets the vastly different temperaments of Chekhov's classic tales of love, longing, folly, and angst against the backdrop of Alexander Scriabin's compositions from the mystical realm, creating an impressionistic, almost silent film-like effect. Please Note: *Vers la flamme* includes nudity and adult situations.

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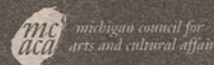


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Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin
Lambert Orkis, piano

Saturday, February 12, 8 p.m.
Hill Auditorium

Anne-Sophie Mutter salutes the dawn of the new millennium with a program that celebrates the development of violin literature during the 20th century.

PROGRAM
Webern Four Pieces for Violin and Piano, Op. 7
Respighi Sonata for Violin and Piano
Pärt Fratres
Bartók Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano
Ravel Tzigane

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Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tõnu Kaljuste, director

Sunday, February 13, 8 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Once an outsider in contemporary music, Arvo Pärt has long since acquired the status of a cult figure who commands the attention of a vast listening public. The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir is closely associated with Pärt's music, with their four Pärt recordings creating an international sensation in the classical world and beyond.

PROGRAM
Pärt Kanon Pokajanen
(Canon of Repentance)



Murray Perahia, piano
Bach's Goldberg Variations

Wednesday, February 16, 8 p.m.
Hill Auditorium

In the 30 years he has been performing on the concert stage, Murray Perahia has become one of the most sought-after and cherished pianists of our time. Recognized worldwide as a musician of rare musical sensitivity, he returns to Ann Arbor for his ninth UMS appearance in an all-Bach program.

PROGRAM
Bach/Busoni Four Chorale Preludes
Bach Goldberg Variations, BWV 988

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New York City Opera National Company

Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*

Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m.
Friday, February 18, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m.
(one-hour family performance)

Saturday, February 19, 8 p.m.
Power Center

A merry romp with a Spanish flavor! A serious case of love at first sight poses a problem for Count Almaviva; Rosina, the woman he adores, is kept under lock and key by her lecherous guardian, Dr. Bartolo. Enter Figaro, the ubiquitous barber of Seville, who concocts several plots to bring Almaviva and Rosina together in a nonstop cavalcade of glorious melody. Rossini's irresistible comedy was written when he was just 25, and every note in his effervescent score breathes the vitality of youth. In Italian with English supertitles.

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Christian Tetzlaff, violin
Solo Violin Works of J.S. Bach

Sunday, February 20, 8 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

The distinctive character of Christian Tetzlaff's artistry stems from a fusion of intelligence and passion; his probing insights and keen musical imagination illuminate both the structural and spiritual elements of the works he performs. What better repertoire to demonstrate these talents than J.S. Bach's works for solo violin, in the second of six concerts commemorating the 250th anniversary of the composer's death.

PROGRAM
Bach Partita No. 2 in d minor, BWV 1004
Bach Sonata No. 3 in C major, BWV 1005
Bach Sonata No. 2 in a minor, BWV 1003

Educational Events



Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet

Teacher Workshop "Jazz in the Classroom" coordinated in conjunction with the Education Department of Jazz at Lincoln Center. **Wednesday, February 2, 4 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District Building. \$**

Jazz Combo Master Class with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet. **Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m. U-M School of Music. Observation Only.**



Meredith Monk

Master of Arts Interview with Meredith Monk interviewed by Beth Genne, U-M Professor of Art History/Dance History and Dance, Residential College. In conjunction with the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, the U-M School of Music, the Center for Education of Women, U-M Department of Composition and the U-M Department of Dance. **Tuesday, February 8, 12 noon, U-M School of Music Recital Hall.**

PREP "Goddess Meredith: The Genius of Meredith Monk" by Ben Johnson, UMS Director of Education and Audience Development. **Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m., Michigan League Koessler Library (3rd floor).**

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage.



Doudou N'Diaye Rose

Master of Arts Interview with Doudou N'Diaye Rose interviewed by Dr. Lester Monts, U-M Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor of Musicology (Ethnomusicology). **Thursday, February 10, 3 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall.**



Martha Clarke

Master of Arts Interview with Martha Clarke interviewed by Susan Isaacs Nisbett, Music and Dance Writer for the Ann Arbor News. In conjunction with the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, the Center for Education of Women and the U-M Department of Dance. **Friday, February 11, 12 p.m., Betty Pease Studio, U-M Dance Building (2nd floor).**

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage.

Modern Dance Master Class with Margie Gilles. **Saturday, February 12, 10:30 a.m. U-M Dance Building, Studio A (2nd floor). \$**



Murray Perahia

Master of Arts Interview with Murray Perahia, interviewed by Susan Isaacs Nisbett, Music and Dance Writer for the Ann Arbor News. **Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall.**

New York City Opera National Company

PREP "Opera 101" by Helen Siedel. **Friday, February 18, 7 p.m., Michigan League Hussey Room.**

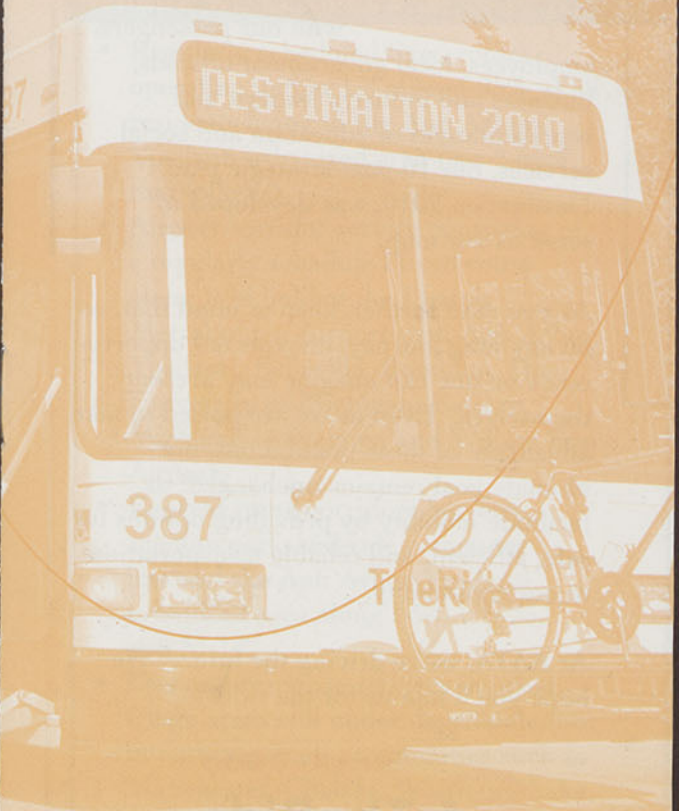
PREP for Kids "Opera 101" by Helen Siedel, UMS Education Specialist. **Saturday, February 19, 1 p.m., Michigan League, Koessler Library (3rd floor).**

For more information on educational activities, call the UMS Education Office at 734.647.6712



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** (The Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti urbanized area includes all of the Cities of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Saline; the Village of Dexter; and all or parts of the Townships of Ypsilanti, Superior, Pittsfield, Ann Arbor, Scio, Lodi, Dexter, and a small portion of Webster.)*



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WHAT ACTIONS WE'LL INITIATE

Actions to improve our services:

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- Pricing fares to be competitive with, or more attractive than, other transportation options.
- Regularly gathering feedback from customers.
- Keeping abreast of the latest technological innovations and using newly developed equipment and procedures.
- Regularly assessing safety issues and developing policies and procedures to address any safety deficiencies.

Actions to broaden our services:

- Increasing the size of the service area as industrial, commercial, and residential areas continue to develop outward.
- Establishing working agreements with other transportation providers.
- Initiating specialized services (such as airport and late evening entertainment shuttles) to serve both transit-dependent and non-transit dependent customers.
- Developing relationships with civic groups, educational institutions, and governments to provide seamless services for shared customers.
- Educating the public about the benefits of using AATA services.
- Using technology and improved communications to provide services for low density population areas.
- Expanding and marketing a system of park-and-ride lots.

- Designing new transportation services for commuting, entertainment, and recreational services to attract traditionally non transit-dependent customers.

Actions to build our organization:

- Ensuring all programs and policies reflect our values.
- Continuing to involve employees and outside stakeholders in strategic thinking and planning.
- Regularly assessing internal culture and implementing corrective actions as needed.
- Continuing to use technology as a tool to improve services to employees.

A copy of AATA's 10 Year Strategic Plan may be obtained by calling the Main Office at 734-973-6500 or on AATA's web site at www.theride.org. Alternative formats are available upon request. The plan is also available at the Ann Arbor Main Library.





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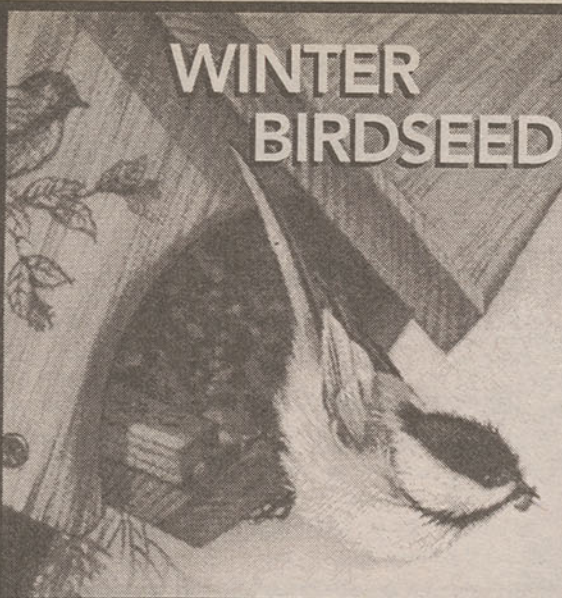
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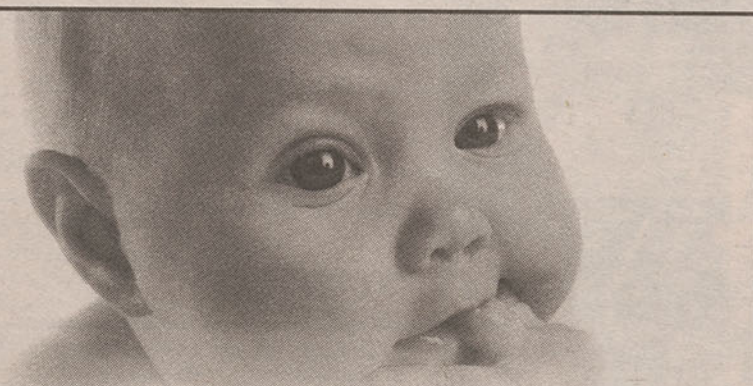
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EVENTS continued

★**Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies.** Every Friday. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Bring a bag lunch; Indonesian or Thai lunch (\$3.50) available to take out or eat during the lecture, 11:45-12:15 p.m. Today: CSSEAS outreach coordinator Bonnie Brereton discusses "Thai Tellings of Phra Malai in Art, Literature, and Ritual." Also this month: U-M Museum of Anthropology Fulbright scholar Himashu Ray on a topic TBA (February 11), London School of Economics geographer Sylvia Chant on "Gender Development in the Philippines" (February 18), and University of Notre Dame visiting professor David Syiemlich on "The Crown Colony Plans for the Hills of Northeast India and Northeast Burma, 1942-1946: Concept to Collapse?" (February 25). Noon, 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-5261.

★**Competing in the 21st Century: Title IX, Gender Equity, and Athletics:** U-M Journal of Law Reform. February 4 & 5. Two days of talks and panel discussions by athletics and legal experts, examining gender equity in high school and college sports. 2-5 p.m. (Feb. 4) & 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (Feb. 5), U-M Law School Hutchins Hall, 625 S. State. \$35 (U-M faculty, students, and staff, free). 763-2195.

★**Open Research Meeting: U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center.** Short presentations on a topic TBA by alternative medicine specialists, followed by Q&A. All invited. 4 p.m., 6311 Medical Science I, 1301 Catherine. Free. 998-7715.

★**U-M Men's Swimming vs. MSU and Ohio State.** February 4 & 5. 6 p.m. (Feb. 4) & noon (Feb. 5), Canham Natatorium, Hoover at S. Division. Free. 764-0247.

★**Open Card and Board Gaming Night: The Underworld.** Every Friday. All invited to play any of the collectible card or board games that the Underworld carries—but you must find your own opponents. 6 p.m.-midnight, Underworld, 1202 South University. Free. 998-0547.

★**Winter Carnival: American Legion.** February 4-6. This popular community festival includes 3 days of competitive ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and more winter fun at Cavanaugh Lake. Also, a **euchre tournament** (February 4, 7 p.m.), a **chili cook-off** (February 5, 10 a.m.) and **Monte Carlo night** (February 5, 7 p.m.), and a concert of country, blues, and rock by **Fully Loaded** (February 6, 2 p.m.). Fishing prizes. 6 p.m.-1 a.m. (Feb. 4), 7 a.m.-1 a.m. (Feb. 5), & 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (Feb. 6), American Legion Hall, 1700 Ridge Rd., Chelsea. (Take I-94 to exit 156, go north on Kalmbach, then continue straight on Cavanaugh Lake Rd. to Ridge Rd.) Free admission. 475-1824.

★**U-M Men's Gymnastics vs. Minnesota and Penn State.** 7 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763-2159.

★**Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program.** February 4, 5, 12, 13, 18, & 19 (different opponents). This Ann Arbor-based program features 46 of the best 16- and 17-year-old American ice hockey players under the guidance of U.S. National coach Jeff Jackson. The program fields two teams—the Under-17 Team and the Under-18 Team—that play full schedules, September-March, against teams from the top American junior leagues (players ages 18-21) and against comparable European national teams. Today: **Team USA Under-18 vs. Omaha** of the U.S. Hockey League. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. \$6 (students & children, \$3). 327-9251.

★**Opening Reception: Michigan Guild Gallery.** Opening reception for the winning entries of a multimedia art competition for Washtenaw County high school students (see Galleries). 7-9 p.m., Michigan Guild Gallery, 118 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662-3382.

★**"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library.** February 4, 16, & 17 (different branch locations). Book discussion group led by AADL staff focusing on popular books and authors. Today: *The Handyman*, Carolyn See's charmingly tender and comic novel about an aspiring painter-turned-handyman whose understanding of his art is unexpectedly transfigured by the relationships he develops with several of his employers. 7-8 p.m., AADL Loving Branch, 3042 Creek Dr. (off Packard just east of Platt). Free. Preregistration required. 994-2342.

★**Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing).** All invited to join in simple dancing to chants and songs from various spiritual and religious traditions. Beginners welcome. 7-9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. \$5 requested donation. 996-1332.

★**"Music in the Cafe": Arborland Borders.** February 4, 18, & 25. Performances by local musicians.

Today: blues by Detroit singer-guitarist **Robert Jones**. Also this month: country music by the guitars-and-bass trio **Delta 88** (February 18), and blues, ballads, and soulful folk-styled originals by local singer-songwriter **Dev Singh** (February 25). 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**"Such a Night!: Art, Jasmine, & Jazz": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens "Out of Africa."** An elegant evening of music, art, and food in the conservatory, highlighted by a preview of *Piecing Memories*, an exhibit of African American quiltmaking. Also, displays by area florists of floral interpretations of the quilts, lively jazz by musicians TBA, and a chance to try exotic foods created from plants of African origin. In conjunction with the garden's monthlong "Out of Africa" celebration of the people, plants, and cultures of Africa. 7 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$35 (members, \$30). 998-7061.

★**"Kollege": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 3 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

★**Weekly Meeting: U-M Duplicate Bridge Club.** Every Friday. All invited to play this tournament form of contract bridge in which identical hands are played by every table in order to compare individual scores. 7:30 p.m., Michigan Union Tap Room. \$2 (students, \$1). 996-1433.

★**"Writing Fiction and Loving It": Barnes & Noble.** Talk by local writer Mary Marshall, author of the sci-fi novel *Angel Fire*. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**Will Alexander and Michael Palmer: EMU English Department "Writers Living and Alive."** Readings by these 2 highly regarded poets. An African American poet strongly influenced by the seminal Martinican surrealist Aime Cesaire, Alexander has been called "an ecstatic surrealist on imaginal overdrive." His writings, published in 6 collections of prose and poetry, are known for their erudition and vast vocabulary. Palmer has published 9 poetry collections, including *The Lion Bridge (Selected Poems 1972-1995)*, and his poetry has been described as "language trying to get outside by undoing itself, by unraveling the fabric of language to feel its threads." 7:30 p.m., EMU Halle Library Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-4220.

★**Detroit Dance Collective: Ann Arbor Art Center.** Dance performance interpreting *Collective Memories* (see Galleries), a mixed media exhibit by local artists Linda Soberman and Jennifer Martin. 7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994-8004.

★**6th Annual Hometown Concert: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic.** February 4 & 5. Traditional American fiddle songs, bluegrass, and high-energy American folk by this renowned touring fiddle ensemble of 31 students led by Saline orchestra director Bob Phillips. They are joined tonight by Canadian fiddle ensemble **Barrage**. Opening act is the Saline Middle School Fiddle Club. Fiddlers Philharmonic shows always sell out, so get tickets early to avoid disappointment. 7:30 p.m., Saline High School Auditorium, 7190 N. Maple Rd., Saline. Tickets \$10 (12th graders & younger, \$5) by reservation and (if available) at the door. 429-0004.

★**Advanced Study Group: Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor.** February 4 & 18. All invited to join this ongoing study group to discuss Rudolf Steiner's book *Macrocosm and Microcosm*. Familiarity with Steiner's basic ideas required. 8-9:30 p.m., 33 Ridgeway (one block east of the Arb entrance on Geddes). Free. 662-6398.

★**Drum Circle.** Every Friday. A blend of celebration, exploration, and meditation through drumming, voice, and dance. Beginners welcome. All invited. 8-10 p.m., Gallup Park meeting room (next to the canoe livery), 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). \$2 donation.

★**"An Evening of Sufi Chanting, Meditation, and Association": Haqqani Foundation.** Every Friday. All invited to join a program of chanting and meditation based on the traditional Naqshbandi spiritual path as taught by Grandshaykh Muhammad Nazim al-Haqqani, a Sufi master who lives in Cyprus. 8-10 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 665-2670.

★**First Friday Square and Contra Dance.** Dancing to live music by Lickety-split, with local caller John Freeman. All dances taught; beginners and older children welcome. No partner necessary. 8-11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$6 (children, \$3) at the door. 665-8405.

★**Will Danforth: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church).** Folk, blues, and originals by this veteran singer-guitarist who also plays banjo, autoharp, mountain dulcimer, and jaw harp. Snacks & coffee. 8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. \$8 at the door only. 662-4536, 665-8558.

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Doudou N'Diaye Rose heads one of the world's leading percussion ensembles. Except for some bands in Brazil and a handful of other places, most ensembles have one or two percussionists. Rose's troupe, the Drummers of West Africa, is thirty-five strong, a literal percussion orchestra. Together they sound almost like an earthquake—layers upon layers of percussion producing wave after wave of sound. This is music that you can feel physically, like an audio wind tunnel. Listening to it live is an experience that leaves you both physically spent and completely invigorated.

The drummers' sound contains more than smacks and slaps of skin on skin. Combined with *djembes*, *sabars*, and about a half dozen goblet-shaped wooden drums of different sizes, the array of metal and wooden shakers, scrapers, and slit drums manages to re-create what seems like half of the sounds of a standard orchestra. The ensemble also includes a set of master dancers in elaborately colorful west African dress who jump, twist, twirl, and move acrobatically in unimagined unison, as if possessed by the music.

The Drummers of West Africa hail from a continent almost synonymous with drumming, but they come from an area usually associated with other forms of music. Internationally, the most commonly heard Senegalese musicians are the oral historians who accompany themselves on the *kora* (west African harp lute) and pop crossover sensations like Youssou N'Dour, who adds touches of reggae, funk, and salsa to traditional west African percussive rhythms he calls



"mbalax." But N'Dour's mbalax is drawn from the very drumming styles typified by Rose's Drummers of West Africa.

Over the past three decades, Rose has become Senegal's musical ambassador, with hundreds of international appearances—including the gala opening to the fiftieth Cannes Film Festival—and numerous tours with the famed Japanese drum ensemble Kodo. For his Hill Auditorium performance on Thursday, February 10, he'll feature works that are virtual percussion symphonies, including *Baifall*, a twenty-minute opening tribute to the deeply spiritual west African Islamic sect. The program also includes a women's chorus and a huge finale with the full troupe.

—Dan Rosenberg

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partment. Kevin Miller conducts this music-student orchestra in EMU music professor Anthony Iannaccone's *Waiting for Sunrise on the Sound*, Debussy's *Nocturnes: Clouds and Fetes*, and Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*. Also, Falla's *Nights in the Gardens of Spain*, with EMU piano professor Anne Beth Gajda. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★ **Concert Band: U-M School of Music.** James Tapia conducts this U-M student ensemble in a program of European and American works including Strauss's *Festliches Praeludium*, Respighi's *Huntingtower Ballade*, Wolfenden's *Gallimaufry*, and works by Schuman, Bryant, and Grantham. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band: The Ark. Authentic Louisiana zydeco by this sextet led by accordionist Carrier, a former member of Terrence Simien's Mallet Playboys. The band has a new CD, *Too Hot to Handle*. A big hit at the 1997 and 1998 Frog Island festivals. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet: University Musical Society. February 4 & 5. This acclaimed sextet is an educational touring ensemble made up of musicians from the internationally-known Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Known for stylistic authenticity, technical mastery, and swinging verve, the sextet includes Detroit-born bassist Rodney Whitaker, a former U-M and MSU jazz studies professor. Other members are trumpeter Seneca Black, trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, saxophonist and clarinetist Victor Goines, pianist Farid Barron, and drummer Herlin Riley. Tonight's program combines original works with jazz standards by the likes of Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, Jelly Roll Morton, Wayne Shorter, and Miles Davis. Tomorrow's concert is a one-hour family performance. 8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$18–\$36 (February 4) & \$10–\$20 (February 5) in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

“Dames at Sea”: EMU Theater Department. February 4–6 & 10–12. EMU drama professor Kerry Graves directs EMU students in George Haimsohn

and Robin Miller's award-winning send-up of 1930s Busby Berkeley musicals. A small-town girl who dreams of making it on Broadway finds stardom on the deck of a battleship. 8 p.m., Sponberg Theater, Ford St., EMU campus, Ypsilanti. (Take Huron River Dr. east to Lowell St. Take Lowell to Ford St. and turn right onto Ford. The theater is on the left, with parking on the right.) Tickets \$6 (Thurs.), \$11 (Fri. & Sat.), \$9 (Sun.) in advance; \$8 (Thurs.), \$13 (Fri. & Sat.), \$11 (Sun.) at the door. Group discounts available. 487-1221.

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

“World Wide Rhythms”: U-M Dance Company. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

“The Lady's Not for Burning”: MorrisCo Art Theater. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Bill Thomas: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 3 Thursday. 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

Singles Dance: Parents Without Partners. February 4 & 18. All divorced, widowed, separated, and never-married parents invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded 60s–90s dance music played by a DJ. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. 9 p.m.–1 a.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. \$7 (PWP members, \$5). 973-1933.

FILMS

MTF. “Topsy-Turvy” (Mike Leigh, 1999). See 1 Tuesday. Mich., 6:30 & 9:40 p.m. 8th Annual U-M MLK Film Series. “Higher Learning” (John Singleton, 1995). Provocative drama about three college freshmen confronted by racial and sexual problems on campus. Stars Omar Epps, Ice Cube, Tyra Banks. Discussion follows. Refreshments. FREE. 647-7151. Chrysler Auditorium, 2121 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus, 7 p.m. U-M Center for Chinese Studies. “Xiu Xiu, the Sent Down Girl” (Joan Chen, 1999). Tragic allegorical tale of one of the millions of urban teenagers “sent down” to agrarian communities during the last days of the Cultural Revolution. Mandarin, subtitles. No children under 12 admitted. FREE. 764-6308. Angell Hall Auditorium A, 8 p.m.

5 SATURDAY

“Beginners Guide to the World Wide Web”: Ann Arbor District Library. February 5, 15, & 24.

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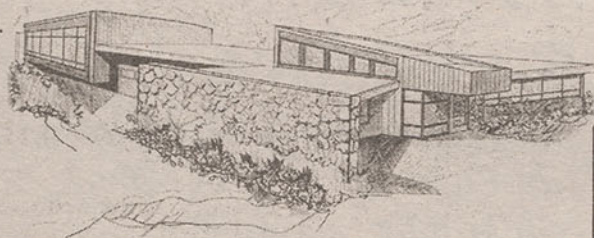
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74th Annual Kiwanis Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor-Downtown. See 4 Friday. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

★**"Winter Democratic Rides":** Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Every Saturday & Sunday. The assembled riders choose their own pace, distance, and destination. Note: Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, change for a phone call, and snacks. 10 a.m. (Saturdays only) & 1 p.m. (both days), meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 913-9851.

★**"Awareness Through Movement: The Feldenkrais Method":** Movement Learning Systems. Every Saturday. Local Feldenkrais practitioner Jesse Nichols introduces this technique for increasing awareness of the body in order to move more easily. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. 10 a.m., Ann Arbor Movement Learning Center, 3610 W. Liberty. Free to 1st-time visitors. 913-1072.

★**Annual Winter Fleece Fair: Spinners' Flock.** A chance to stock up on all kinds of rare and unusual yarns and fibers, including Michigan-made wools and "exotics" such as yak, llama, mohair, alpaca, angora, silk, cotton, and linen. Also, various woven or knitted items and related supplies, and sheepskins and pelts. Spinning and weaving demonstrations. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Dr., Chelsea. Free admission. Handicap-accessible. 475-2306, 769-1657.

★**"Valentine's Day Makeover":** Nan's Merle Norman. All women invited for free pre-holiday makeovers by beauty consultants. Refreshments. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Merle Norman, Courtyard Shops, 1669 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration recommended. 930-6516.

★**3rd Annual Dance Marathon: U-M/Children's Miracle Network.** February 5-6. 300 U-M students dance to a variety of music to benefit Children's Miracle Network (raising \$90,000 last year). Also: appearances by U-M football, hockey, and basketball stars, and athletic item silent auction. Refreshments available. 10 a.m. Sat.-4 p.m. Sun., U-M Indoor Track Bldg., Hoover at S. State. Free. 615-1525.

★**"Dance Musicianship":** Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. All musicians invited to learn how to play music for contra dancing. Bob Pasquarello, who leads the Pittsfield Open Band at tonight's First Saturday Contra Dance (see below), presents sessions on "Getting Centered: First Thoughts on Dance Musicianship" (10 a.m.) and "Ideas to Play With" (1 p.m.). The day concludes with a band rehearsal (3:30 p.m.). Bring a dish to pass for a noon potluck. 10 a.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). Free. 769-4220.

★**"The Universal Health Care 2000 Campaign":** Gray Panthers of Huron Valley. Discussion of the aims and strategies of this campaign to assure that the next Congress includes an energized bloc of supporters of universal health care. Gray Panthers is an intergenerational group dedicated to improving life for people of all ages. Refreshments. All invited. 10 a.m.-noon, Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 663-6248.

★**"Arb Walk":** Grex. Every Saturday. All invited to join members of this local computer-conferencing group for a walk from Gallup Park through the U-M Arboretum. 10:15 a.m., meet in Gallup Park parking lot, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. 930-6564.

★**"Winter Star Talk"/"The People and Their Sky: African and African American Sky Tales":** U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium. Every Saturday & Sunday. Winter Star Talk (11:30 a.m. Saturdays only and 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. both days) is an audiovisual exploration of the stars and planets currently visible in the sky, narrated by U-M law professor emeritus (and veteran local actor) Bev Pooley. The People and Their Sky (10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Saturdays only and 2:30 p.m. both) is an audiovisual show presentation of five African sky myths, narrated by members of the Detroit Storytellers Association and illustrated by U-M art students. 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, North University at Geddes Ave. \$3 (seniors & children 12 & under, \$2). 764-0478.

★**"Mornings, Mochas, & Melodies":** GoodArts (Aurora Borealis Productions). Every Saturday. A series of concerts featuring local and visiting musicians. Today: witty folk-pop by Richard Lawrence. Also this month: acoustic bluesy folk-rock by Mike Beattie (February 12), folk-flavored country by the duo Thick and Thin (February 19), and Dylanesque originals by Rick Stachura (February 26). 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. 327-2041.

★**Draw Doubles:** Ann Arbor Area Disc Induced Sports Club. Every Saturday. All invited to play disc golf at Hudson Mills Metropark's 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf is a popular sport played with a Frisbee-like disc; the goal is to land the disc in a "pole hole" in the fewest shots. In draw doubles play, beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Golf discs available free from the Hudson Mills Metropark office. 11 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. \$4 per player; free for spectators. (Park entry fee: \$3 per vehicle.) 996-0212, 434-1615.

★**"Mystery Rocks":** U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. Every Saturday (at various library branches) & February 27 (at the U-M Exhibit Museum). Family-oriented program of hands-on science activities exploring rocks and geology. 11 a.m.-noon, AADL Loving Branch, 3042 Creek Dr. (off Packard just east of Platt). Free. Preregistration required. 994-2342.

★**"Family Science Activities":** Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Every Saturday & Sunday. "Activity Stations" offer drop-in family-oriented science activities. Also, museum staff give family-friendly demonstrations about physics, chemistry, and more at "Super Science Shows" (1-3 p.m. both days). 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Sat.), noon-4 p.m. (Sun.), Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron. \$6 (\$4, students & seniors) regular museum admission. 995-5439.

★**"Children's Storytime":** Westgate Nicola's Books. Every Saturday. Tales and activities for kids ages 4-10. Eric Engel or Pam "Mama Moon" Crisovan, both local professional storytellers and members of the Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild, presents multicultural stories. Also, on February 19, Mercer Mayer's Little Critters visit at noon for post-storytime hugs. 11 a.m.-noon, Nicola's Books, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662-4110.

★**"Children's Hour":** Liberty Borders. Every Saturday. Borders staff and guests read stories and lead activities for kids ages 4-10. Today: kids can make Chinese lanterns with ArtVentures. Also this month: a special Valentine's Day story hour (February 12), a visit from Claymation animator Nick Park's popular duo Wallace and Gromit (February 19), and "Harpebeat Around the World," a presentation of global music by harpist Donna Novack and percussionist Maria Flurry (February 26). 11 a.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★**Tom Pohrt:** Ann Arbor District Library. This local illustrator and author of books for young people discusses his work. His books include Coyote Goes Walking and Having a Wonderful Time, and he illustrated Barry Lopez's best-selling Crow and Weasel and Howard Norman's recently published Trickster and the Fainting Birds. 11 a.m.-noon, AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8242.

★**Creative Expressions Group:** Ozone House. Every Saturday. Drop-in group for gay teens, teens of gay parents, and straight friends to participate in art projects, discussion, and fun. 1-4 p.m., Ozone House, 1705 Washtenaw. Free. For information, call Connie at 975-9841 or E-mail creative.expressions@juno.com.

★**Open House:** U-M James D. Reader Urban Environmental Education Center. Every Saturday and Sunday. A chance to explore the center's maps and educational displays about the birds, flowers, and trees in the Arb. 1-4 p.m., Environmental Center at Burnham House, 1610 Washington Heights at Observatory. Free. 998-9540.

★**"Animal Tracks on T-Shirts":** Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck shows how to make an animal track design on a T-shirt. BYO T-shirt. 1 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. \$1. (Park entry fee: \$3 per vehicle.) Preregistration requested. 426-8211.

★**"Rad Reptiles":** Leslie Science Center (Ann Arbor Parks Department). Leslie Science Center staff introduce kids ages 5-8 to the habitats, hangouts, and personalities of snakes, lizards, and turtles. 1-3 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$10 (nonresidents, \$12). 662-7802.

★**"Family Day":** U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens "Out of Africa." A day of activities celebrating

African American heritage, beginning with the quilt show *Piecing Memories* (10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Also, an African-style bazaar (noon-5 p.m.), interpretive tours of the conservatory, which contains plants of African origin (noon-5 p.m.), a tasting of foods made from plants of African origin (noon-5 p.m.), activities relating to the Underground Railroad (1 & 3 p.m.), a concert by the Messiah Temple Church Choir (2:30 p.m.), and an interactive dance demonstration by Safiya Tsekani (4 p.m.). In conjunction with the garden's monthlong "Out of Africa" celebration of the people, plants, and cultures of Africa. 1-5 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 998-7061.

★8th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration: Main Street Area Association. All invited to join a traditional Lion Dance and follow a giant lion puppet as he blesses downtown businesses to welcome the Year of the Dragon. Also, see your name written in Chinese calligraphy at Generations (337 S. Main) and try Chinese paper cutting at Collected Works (317 S. Main). 1-3 p.m., meet in front of Champion House restaurant (120 E. Liberty at S. Fourth Ave.). Free. 668-7112.

★Children's Events: Arborland Borders. Every Saturday. Activity sessions for kids, with crafts, music, or costume characters. Today: ArtVentures visits with an international craft. Also this month: a visit from children's book author Jon Scieszka's *Stinky Cheese Man* (February 12), visiting physics demonstrator Phil "The Rhythm Man" Kaput leads a hands-on demonstration answering the question "How Do Science and Music Work Together?" (February 19), and Howell Nature Center naturalist Kathy France discusses and tells stories about "Michigan Mammals" (February 26). 2 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★"Imbolc Ritual": Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to celebrate this ancient Celtic Druidic late winter festival of light and the earth's hidden fertility. Also, a potluck and raffle. Child care available. 2-5 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Free. 487-4931.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet: University Musical Society. See 4 Friday. 2 p.m.

★African American Book Club: Westgate Nicola's Books. All invited to discuss *Angela Davis: An Autobiography*, an in-depth portrait of this revolutionary social and political theorist and writer. 4 p.m., Nicola's Books, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. Information: Veleria Banks at (734) 942-6013.

★"Big Rack Night." Now in its 12th year, this very popular annual contest for white-tailed deer hunters attracts over 300 people. Man, woman, and child contestants are invited to go onstage, display their game racks and swap hunting stories—some of the speakers are very entertaining. Prizes for "biggest rack" (number and size of points on the two horns) in archery and firearm categories. The evening concludes with awards to the hunters with the largest bucks of the season. Refreshments. 6 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free admission. 439-7919.

★Open House: University Lowbrow Astronomers. A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments at the Peach Mountain Observatory. The observatory's huge, 24-inch McMath telescope is operational, but participants are nevertheless encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Program canceled if sky is overcast at sunset. 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (as long as the sky remains clear), Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1 1/4 miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark). Free. 480-4514.

U-M Ice Hockey vs. Ferris State. 7 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. \$10-\$17. 764-0247.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 4 Friday. Today: Team USA Under-18 vs. Omaha of the U.S. Hockey League. 7 p.m.

★Open Role-Playing Gaming Night: The Underworld. Every Saturday. All invited to play any of the role-playing games that the Underworld carries, but you must find your own opponents. 7 p.m.-midnight, The Underworld, 1202 South University. Free. 998-0547.

"New Millennium Party": Ann Arbor Ski Club. All invited to a "late New Year's Eve party," with dinner, dancing, and a chance to meet club members. Cash bar. Music by a DJ from American Mobile Sound. 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, Salem Twp. (Take M-14 east to exit 15, turn left onto Gottfredson and go 1 mile to N. Territorial, turn left and go 1 mile to the club). \$48 (Ski Club members, \$40). Preregistration required. 332-3993, 677-3707.

★"Kollege": U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 3 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

Dexter Twirlers Square Dance Club. February 5 & 19. Modern western square dancing to recorded music, with caller Glen Geer. All experienced dancers invited. Preceded by round dancing (7:30 p.m.). Refreshments. 8-10:30 p.m., St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor Rd. at Fourth St., Dexter. \$7 per couple. 433-0308.

First Saturday Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance. Morningstar calls contra dances to music by the Pittsfield Open Band, directed by Bob Pasquarello. Wear comfortable clothes and bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Preceded by 45 minutes of waltzes (7 p.m.). 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$7. 665-7704, 332-9024.

★Faculty and Guest Recital: U-M School of Music. University of Oregon voice professor Mark Beudert, a tenor soloist at the First Presbyterian Church while he was a U-M grad student, and U-M voice professor Timothy Cheek perform Dvorak's *Gypsy Songs* in Czech, Britten's *Michelangelo Songs* and his folk song arrangements, and songs by Duparc and Rossini. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★Contemporary Directions Ensemble: U-M School of Music. H. Robert Reynolds leads this adventurous U-M music-student ensemble in a program of 20th-century music TBA. 8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

★"An Evening of Improvised Music": Canterbury House. An evening of improvised music drawing on a broad range of contemporary techniques by the local trio of trumpeter and bass trumpeter Brian Lipson, bassist and guitarist Toby Summerfield, and saxophonist and bass clarinetist Piotr Michalowski. 8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. Free, but all encouraged to donate cash or canned food to the Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition. 764-3162.

Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra: University Musical Society. Ann Arbor debut of Sweden's acclaimed national orchestra, conducted by its longtime director Neeme Jarvi, who also directs the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Guest soloist is violinist Yuri Bashmet, "probably the most formidable exponent of the viola today," according to a *New York Times* critic. Bashmet's opulent fortissimos, wispy pianissimos, and mastery of color are showcased in Giya Kancheli's gripping *Liturgy for Viola and Orchestra: Vom Winde Beweint* (Mourning by the Wind), a 1989 work that features dark melodies, hymnlike tunes, orchestral crashes, and hypnotic single-note drones. The program also includes Shostakovich's rarely heard Symphony no. 6, a 1939 work best known for its gloomy icescape of anger and tension, and Arvo Part's 1971 Symphony no. 3. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$14-\$46 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

Mustard's Retreat: The Ark. Longtime local favorites Michael Hough and David Tamulevich, who celebrated their 25th anniversary as a duo last summer, perform a wide variety of original and traditional songs and ballads about everyday life. Both Hough and Tamulevich are accomplished guitarists, and they also play banjo, mandolin, flute, autoharp, harmonica, and tin whistle. Also, a guest appearance by vocalist Libby Glover-Goodall, an original member of Mustard's Retreat, which started out as a trio. According to songwriter Gamet Rogers, Mustard's Retreat "represents everything that is best about folk music. Their songs have entered the lexicon of anonymous folk songs." The duo is featured in the current issues of the venerable folk magazine *Sing Out!* and they recently won the 1st annual award for best live performance on the popular Cornell University radio show *Bound for Glory*. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"The Minstrel and the Storyteller": Temple Beth Emeth. See review, p. 49. Family concert of songs and stories from Jewish communities around the world, by the New York duo of Jewish storyteller Peninnah Schram and singer-guitarist Gerard Edery. Stories told by Schram alternate with songs sung by both performers. 8 p.m., Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Rd. \$10 (\$36 with afterglow). 665-4744.

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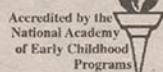
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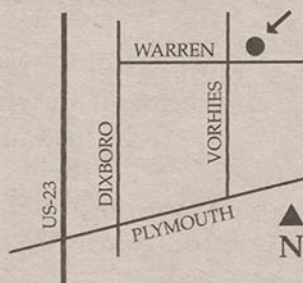
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Thursday 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

FILMS

Cinema Guild. "Let There Be Light" (Arthur Joffe, 1998). Original comedy with theological undercurrents, about God writing a screenplay and coming to Earth to live in various human bodies while looking for a suitable filmmaker. \$4 (two films, \$5). 647-8434. U-M Nat. Sci. auditorium, 830 North University, 7 p.m. **"The Maltese Falcon"** (John Huston, 1941). Stylish, classic detective story. Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet. \$4 (two films, \$5). 647-8434. Nat. Sci., 10 p.m. **Michigan Theater Foundation. "The Last Emperor"** (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1987). February 5 & 23. Celebrated film telling the true story of Chinese emperor Pu Yi, crowned at age three and cloistered in the astoundingly beautiful Forbidden City until the Cultural Revolution. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 7 p.m. **"Topsy-Turvy"** (Mike Leigh, 1999). See 1 Tuesday. Mich., 7:30 p.m. **"Dr. Strangelove; or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"** (Stanley Kubrick, 1964). February 5 & 8. Masterful political satire sharply and hilariously skewering Cold War paranoia. Peter Sellers, Slim Pickens. Part of the "Spring Kubrick Series" (February 1, 5, 8, & 22). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 11 p.m.

6 SUNDAY

★**"Sunday Bank Run"**: Ann Arbor Track Club. Every Sunday. All invited to join AATC members for all or part of a 14-mile training run along roads ringing the city. 9 a.m., Great Lakes Bank parking lot, 2400 S. Huron Pkwy. at Platt Rd. Free. For information, call Dan Gamble at 995-5505.

★**Falun Gong Instruction**. Every Sunday. Local practitioners introduce this Chinese physical and spiritual discipline, which consists of five gentle exercises concluding with meditation. 9-11 a.m., Gallup Park canoe livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). Free. For information, call 668-7133.

★**Zen Meditation: Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom**. Every Sunday. Meditators from all traditions are welcome to join in meditation to develop awareness and concentration. In the morning, two 25-minute meditation periods with a break between, followed by a short talk by Zen Buddhist Temple resident priest Sukha Murray. In the evening, meditation and chanting, followed by a talk and a Q&A period. 9:30-11 a.m. & 5-6:30 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Free; donations accepted. 761-6520.

★**"Athletics at Michigan"**: Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship. Talk by U-M senior associate athletic director Michael Stevenson. 10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 971-8638.

★**Swordplay Demonstrations: Ring of Steel**. All invited to try theatrical swordplay with a broadsword, smallsword, and rapier, taught by Michigan Renaissance Festival master at arms Chris Barbeau. No special clothes or equipment needed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Theater Arts Complex, 1111 Kipke Dr. (off Boulevard Dr. from Stadium). Free. 763-4900.

★**Chinese Meditation: Ann Arbor Chapter of the International Yan Xin Qigong Association**. Every Sunday. All invited to discuss and practice this Chinese form of meditation. 10:30 a.m.-noon, 1014 Dow, 2300 Hayward, North Campus. Free. 764-2182.

★**"Adult Christian Education Hour"**: Knox Single Adult Ministries. Every Sunday. All single adults age 25 & older invited to join church elder Chuck Roper for a series of discussions on "Overcoming Temptation." 10:30 a.m., Knox Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 2065 S. Wagner Rd. at Scio Church Rd. Free. 971-KNOX.

★**First Singles: First Presbyterian Church**. Every Sunday. A weekly program open to all single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. This week: Richard Harrison Goree discusses *Goree Island: Island of No Return*, his book about a onetime African slaveholding area off Africa's western coast. Also this month: a panel discussion by First Singles members Ming-I Sun, Bill Lane, and Akiko Kamimura on "Something about Dating" (February 13), local Religious Coalition on Latin America chair Mary Anne Perrone discusses "A

Faith Perspective on Closing the U.S. Army School of the Americas" (February 20), and local social worker Michele Rivette leads a discussion on "Improving Relationships" (February 27). Also, members meet for breakfast every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Cafe Marie (1759 Plymouth Rd.). 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662-4466.

★**"Newcomer's Day"**: Karma Thegsum Choling. KTC staff members introduce Buddhist thought and demonstrate basic meditation practices. Refreshments. All invited. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., KTC, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761-7495.

★**Adult Forum: First Unitarian Church**. Every Sunday. Today: church member Pat Kuesner discusses "Writing Your Life History." Also this month: U-M radiology professor Stephen Gebarski talks about "Ethical Issues in Medical Research" (February 13), visiting speaker Barbara Bartlett talks about "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome" (February 20), and Milan Goldenrod Farm owner Gita Posselt discusses "Organic Gardening, Wildscaping, and Beyond" (February 27). 11:45 a.m., First Unitarian Church Sanctuary, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. at Ellsworth. Free. 665-6158.

★**"First Sunday Free"**: ArtVentures Studio (Ann Arbor Art Center). All children and their parents invited to make various art projects. Noon-5 p.m., Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. Free. 994-8004.

Silent Meditation: Essence Point. Every Sunday. Two unguided 25-minute silent meditation periods with a short break in between. All welcome. Noon-1 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe. Donations appreciated. 913-9830.

★**"First Sunday Hot Sauce Tasting"**: Tios Mexican Cafe. Tios manager Tim Seaver offers samples of the hundreds of hot sauces and salsas available at this popular Mexican diner. Work your way through 100 sauces and you'll get a free T-shirt. Noon-4 p.m., Tios Mexican Cafe, 333 E. Huron. Free. 761-6650.

★**"Tibetan New Year's Day"**: Karma Thegsum Choling. A chance to meet members of this local center for the Karma Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, enjoy a potluck (bring a vegetarian or non-vegetarian dish to pass), and wish a "happy losar (New Year)." All invited. Noon, KTC, 614 Miner (off Miller). Free. 761-7495.

★**9th Annual "Taste of Health"**: American Heart Association. A day of health-related activities including cholesterol and blood pressure screening, nutrition counseling, cooking demonstrations, health food and drink samples from area restaurants, door prizes, and more. Health professionals are available for questions. Special activities for kids. All encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to Food Gatherers. Noon-2:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 975-4387, ext. 236.

★**Borealis Productions (GoodArts Project)**. Every Sunday. Brunchtime concerts featuring local musicians. Today: Detroit singer-songwriter Leslie Frederick (noon) and vintage American folk by Don Smock (2 p.m.). Also this month: modern pop-folk by Jenny Boyer and pop-folk by singer-songwriter Liz Momblanco and original folk-rock by Scott Rogers (February 13), singer-songwriter Curt Waugh (February 20), and Waugh and Frederick (February 27). Noon & 2 p.m., Amer's, 312 S. State St. Free. 327-2041.

★**Senior Sunday Fun Bunch: Ann Arbor Public Schools Senior Adult Program**. Every Sunday. All seniors age 55 and older are invited for an afternoon of socializing. Activities include a potluck (1-1:30 p.m.) and bridge and euchre (1:30-3:30 p.m.). Participants are welcome to bring their own games. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Newcomers welcome. 12:30-3:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769-5911.

Annual Charity Auction: Zen Buddhist Temple. Auction of a wide range of donated goods and services—from paintings and fine vases to gardening and housekeeping. Proceeds to benefit wildlife rehabilitation programs. 12:30 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. Free admission. 761-6520.

Bridal Show: Elegant Bride Inc./Brides-to-Be, Inc. Fashion show of bridal and bridesmaids' gowns, mothers' dresses, tuxedos, and more. Also, 50 displays by merchants offering wedding products and services, including photography, flowers, and DJs. Each bride-to-be receives a free bridal directory and *Elegant Bride* magazine, and numerous other giveaways and prizes are offered. 12:30-3:30 p.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. (810) 228-2700.

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Ohio State. 1 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$12 & \$15. 764-0247.

★**"Life under the Snow"**: Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck leads a walk

through the park to explore what's happening under the snow. 1 p.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: \$3 per vehicle.) Preregistration requested. 426-8211.

Monthly Meeting: Gays and Lesbians, Older and Wiser. Potluck and social gathering for gays and lesbians age 50 and older. Bring a dish to pass. 1-3 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, Suite C, 2401 Plymouth Rd. \$2. 764-2556.

***Food Service: Food Not Bombs. Every Sunday.** The local chapter of this national nonprofit organization serves free vegetarian meals prepared from fresh leftover food donated by local restaurants. All welcome to partake. 1-3 p.m., Liberty Plaza, corner of E. Liberty and Division. Free. 994-0001.

***Paper Gathering: Hollander's.** All paper crafters invited to share ideas and projects in an informal setting. 1-4 p.m., Hollander's, Kerrytown, 407 N. Fifth Ave. Free. 741-7531.

***Ann Arbor Go Club.** February 6, 14, 20, & 28. Players of all ages and ability levels invited to play this ancient board game. Go equipment and basic instruction provided. 1-4 p.m. (Feb. 6 & 20) & 7-10 p.m. (Feb. 14 & 28), Borders cafe, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 663-1675.

***Gallery Talk: U-M Museum of Art.** Senior UMMA art curator Marshall Wu discusses his landmark exhibition, *The Orchid Pavilion Gathering: Chinese Painting from the University of Michigan Museum* (see Galleries). Five years in the making, the exhibit includes rare works and addresses the cultural and linguistic barriers that often limit a Westerner's appreciation of Chinese art. 2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764-0395.

***"Ducks Dance with Mother Goose": Kerrytown Shops/Workbench Furniture.** 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and rollicking fun, with local storyteller Trudy Bulkley as Mother Goose. 2 p.m., Workbench Furniture, Kerrytown. Free. 769-3115.

Gender-Free Contra Dance: Ann Arbor Rainbow Contra Dancers. Traditional American folk dancing and English country dancing for people of all orientations. There are two distinct roles in contra dancing, one traditionally male and one female. In gender-free contra dancing, dancers take whichever position they like and with any partner they like. Joseph Pimentel calls to music by David West and Donna Baird. No partner necessary. All dances taught; beginners welcome (beginner lesson at 1:30 p.m.). Bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. 2-5 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$6 (students, \$5). 975-2312.

"Troika": Projectorhead/U-M Film and Video Studies. Independent filmmaker Jennifer Montgomery presents her second feature film, based on a *Playboy* interview of the Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, "a member of the Moscow gay underground," according to Montgomery. The film re-creates the interview to explore both the sexuality behind Zhirinovsky's political facade and, in a second storyline, the politics of the interviewer's lesbian relationship. 2 p.m., Michigan Theater screening room. \$4.75. 763-4087.

"World Wide Rhythms": U-M Dance Company. See 3 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Cosi fan tutte": Michigan Opera Works. See 3 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"The Lady's Not for Burning": MorrisCo Art Theater. See 3 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Dames at Sea": EMU Theater Department. See 4 Friday. 2:30 p.m.

***Ann Arbor-Motown Hash House Harriers.** Every Sunday & occasional Mondays. The local chapter of an unorthodox running club for people who like to make a game of running. Each runner's task is to follow a trail designed to be confusing. The usual result is that the lead (i.e., fastest) runners run the longest distance, so that runners of varying abilities complete the course in nearly the same time. Each run includes at least one pit stop (with beer and pop hidden along the way) and is followed by a trip to a nearby restaurant. 3 p.m. (Sun.) & 6:30 p.m. (Mon.), location TBA. Free. For location and information, visit the group's website (www.personal.umich.edu/~ronmoore/a2h3) or call 332-9314.

***EMU Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band: EMU Music Department.** Max Plank conducts these EMU music-student ensembles. The Wind Symphony performs U-M composing professor emeritus Leslie Bassett's *Sounds, Shapes, and Symbols* and EMU music grad James Whistler Wisnerowicz's *Prelude and Allegro*. The Symphonic Band performs Bassett's *Colors and Contours*. Also,

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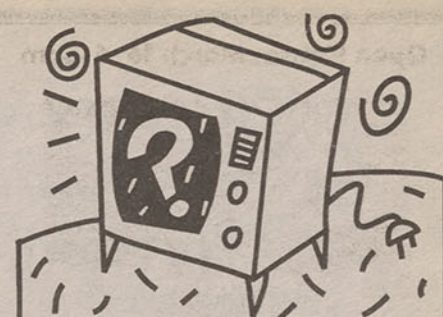
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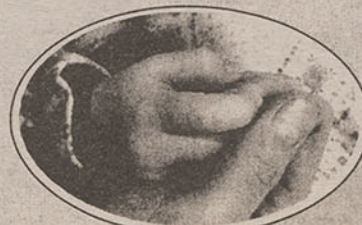
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films

Harold Lloyd in *Girl Shy* (1924).

Horsing around

Silent comedian Harold Lloyd

Watching a Harold Lloyd movie makes me want to run really fast—either to get somewhere in a hurry, or to get away from someone in a hurry. Or it makes me want to hide quickly behind something—or someone. You know: I crouch behind you, moving side to side while a big guy or a cop stands in front of you scratching his head 'cause I've just disappeared.

So many of Lloyd's gags remind me of things kids do when they're horsing around. An early scene in his 1923 film *Safety Last* takes place in a small flat shared by Lloyd and another man. Both are broke, and when they hear the landlord's familiar knock, each man jumps up into his coat, which is hanging on the wall. Enter the landlord to an empty room. Exit landlord. Both men wearing coats come off the wall to reveal no special hooks or hangers. I laughed so hard I nearly required CPR.

When Harold Lloyd left Nebraska in 1911 for California, he possessed three qualities—talent, ambition, and good looks—that helped propel him to stardom. With the help of Hal Roach, he developed Lonesome Luke, a character who kept a steady supply of cash coming. But he decided to ditch Luke one night when he overheard a kid in a theater say, "Oh, here's that fellow that tries to do like Chaplin." Instead, he set out to

make comedies in which people would see themselves and their neighbors. With a 75¢ pair of glasses, a zest for life, and a can-do attitude, Lloyd created a likable character not at all like Charlie Chaplin.

Lloyd estimated he made over 300 pictures before the "thrillers" *Safety Last*, *Girl Shy*, *High and Dizzy*, and *Never Weaken*. But these are the films for which audiences still clamor. Their great appeal derives from the way Lloyd upped the ante by adding greater personal risk to his stunts—no small feat for an actor who had already lost the thumb and forefinger of his right hand when a promotional bomb he was holding blew up.

Lloyd's plots are threadbare; his characters live in gag-filled chaos. *Safety Last* revolves around a young man whose determination to impress his fiancée leads to a hysterical climax in which Lloyd scales a ten-story building. *Girl Shy* portrays a tailor's apprentice, legendary for his shyness with women, who writes a book, *Secrets of Making Love*. Marvelous fantasy sequences accompany each of his new ideas. In one, when the woman he secretly loves is moments away from marriage to another, he makes a mad dash across town that's at once spectacular, hair raising, and dangerous as hell.

Does he make it? Find out for yourself on Sunday, February 13, when the Ann Arbor Silent Film Society presents its Harold Lloyd show, including both *Safety Last* and *Girl Shy*.
—Dan Moray

works by other composers TBA. 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**"The Complete Organ Works of J. S. Bach":** U-M School of Music. February 6, 20, & 27. U-M faculty organist James Kibbie performs organ works by J. S. Bach to commemorate the 250th anniversary of his death. Part of a series of 18 concerts scheduled throughout 2000 that will cover all 266 of Bach's organ works. Today's program includes *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor*, *Trio Sonata II in C Minor*, Christmas chorales from the *Orgelbüchlein*, chorales from the *Kirnbacher Collection*, and more. 4-5 p.m., U-M School of Music Organ Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"Ballet into Modern: Charting 20th-Century Changes in Western Classical Dance":** Dance Gallery Studio "Looking at Dance" Series. Michael Rudy leads local choreographers in a discussion (interspersed with dance demonstrations) providing an overview of the last century's major changes in dance. Designed for those who feel they don't "get" dance. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dance Gallery Studio, 111 3rd St. Free. 747-8885.

★**Morris Dancing:** Ann Arbor Morris & Sword

Dancers. Every Sunday. All invited to try this English ceremonial dance dating back to medieval times. No experience necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. 6-8 p.m., Gretchen's House Day Care, 2340 Oak Valley Dr. Free. For information, call Jill Baker at 677-1498.

II-V-I Orchestra: Heidelberg Restaurant. Every Sunday. Dancing to late-30s swing and 40s R&B by this veteran local big band led by Urbations saxophonist David Swain. 7-9:30 p.m., Heidelberg Restaurant (3rd floor), 215 N. Main. \$3. 663-7758.

Israeli Dancing: Hillel. February 6, 13, & 20. Tom Starks leads 30 minutes of instruction for beginners, followed by open dancing. 7:30-10 p.m., 1429 Hill St. \$2.50. 769-0500.

House Concert: Chamber Music Ann Arbor. Known previously only for its SpringFest concert series, this ensemble of U-M music faculty, other accomplished local musicians, and guests continues its new series of intimate concerts held in private homes. Tonight's featured performers are award-winning U-M student violinists Esther Noh and Justin Bruns, and violist and CMAA director Yizhak Schotten. Program includes works by Dvorak, a Terzettio work for two violins, and a Mendelssohn piano and

violin sonata. Followed by a reception with appetizers, desserts, and wine. 7:30 p.m., location TBA. \$30 in advance only. 971-1917.

Moody Blues: U-M Office of Major Events. One of the longest-lived pop-rock bands to emerge from the 60s, the Moody Blues perform a concert featuring songs from their first new CD in 8 years, *Strange Times*. The band's onetime trademark sound of intricate cosmic rock with orchestral accompaniment has yielded to a lighter, sweeter sound, with lyrics somewhat simpler than their mystically poetic lyrics of old. *Strange Times* includes several ballads, a surprisingly techno-inflected "English Sunset," and "Nothing Changes," a song whose spoken-poem coda recalls the band's big hit, "Nights in White Satin." 7:30 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$29.50 and \$39.50 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. 763-TKTS.

Weekly Meeting: U-M Ballroom Dancers. February 6 & 20. Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including fox-trots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded by introductory tango lessons (5:30-6:30 & 7-8 p.m.) lessons. 8-10 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom. \$2. 763-6984.

FILMS

M-FLICKS. "Hamlet" (Kenneth Branagh, 1996). Possibly the best film version of Shakespeare's tragedy about the anguished Danish prince who hesitates to avenge his father's murder. Derek Jacobi, Charlton Heston, Julie Christie. 70mm. Cost TBA. 763-1107. Michigan Theater, 2:30 p.m. MTF. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). February 6-14, 16, & 17. Fresh, emotionally rich, critically acclaimed story of a woman's search for her dead son's long-lost father. Penelope Cruz, Marisa Parades. Spanish, subtitles. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 4:45, 7 & 9:15 p.m. "Topsy-Turvy" (Mike Leigh, 1999). See 1 Tuesday. Mich., 7:15 p.m. Projectorhead/U-M Film and Video Studies. "Troika" (Jennifer Montgomery, 1998). See Events listing, above. Mich., 2 p.m.

7 MONDAY

★**"Fast Talk":** Fast Company Ann Arbor Cell of Friends. Every Monday. All invited to discuss business issues raised by the Detroit-based "smart business" magazine *Fast Company*. 7 a.m., Einstein's Bagels, 307 S. State. Free. 761-1547.

★**Exercise Class: Brookhaven Manor.** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. All seniors 55 and over invited to exercise with a fitness instructor. 9-9:45 a.m., Brookhaven Manor, 401 Oakbrook Dr. Free. 747-8800.

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Women's Chamber Chorus.** Every Monday. All invited to join this independent 30-member local women's chorus to sing everything from Bach and Hungarian folk songs to madrigals and pop tunes. Gini Robison directs. 10-11:45 a.m., West Side Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh at Davis. Free to first-time visitors (\$40 per semester membership dues). 677-0678, 663-5907.

★**Monday Club: Ann Arbor Salvation Army.** Every Monday. Drop-in social group for seniors age 55 and older. Every meeting includes a special program, speaker, word game, or craft activity. The weekly program also includes Bible study and chair exercises. Coffee, tea, juice, and doughnuts served. Followed by lunch and socializing. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free (\$1 donation for lunch). 668-8353.

★**Chair Exercise Class: Hidden Pond Manor.** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. All seniors 55 and over invited for sit-down aerobic exercise and strength training taught by a fitness instructor. 11-11:45 a.m. (Mon. & Fri.) & 10:15-11 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.), Hidden Pond Manor, 3470 Carpenter Rd. Free. 677-0071.

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** Every Monday. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with "Fitness Fun" (\$3), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. At noon, a homemade luncheon buffet (\$4, \$3 with reservations). The weekly program also includes meetings of the creative writing group *Words for Ourselves, Our Children, Our Community* (1 p.m.). All invited. 11 a.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

Weekly Luncheon Series: U-M Club of Ann Arbor. Every Monday. A weekly lunchtime talk by U-M men's basketball coach Brian Ellerbe, along with other speakers to be announced (usually another U-M coach). 11:15 a.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. Lunch cost: \$7.75 (seniors, \$7.25). For more information, call Ben Fairman at 668-6702.

★**"Chat with Dr. Ed":** U-M Turner Geriatrics Center. All seniors age 50 & older invited to join re-



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tired physician Edmund Whale to ask questions about
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source Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998-9353.

★**Card Party: Northeast Senior Center.** All se-
niors invited to play bridge, euchre, and dominoes,
and to socialize. Refreshments. 12:45 p.m., Dixboro
United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N.
Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free.
Reservations requested. 996-0070.

★**"Goree Island": Originations Gallery.** Richard
Harrison Goree discusses his book about a onetime
slaveholding area off Africa's western coast. Also,
signing (2-4 p.m.). 1 p.m., Originations Gallery,
1671 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662-9197.

★**"Library On-Line Catalog": Ann Arbor District
Library.** February 7 & 21. Library staffers offer a
hands-on introduction on how to use the library's
electronic catalog, which can be accessed in the li-
brary or from the library website (www.aadl.org).
The program is also offered at the West (February 9,
8:30 a.m.) and Northeast (February 19, 9 a.m.). 4:15
p.m., AADL Training Room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at
William. Free. Preregistration required. 327-8323.

★**"Awareness Through Movement: The Felden-
krais Method": Movement Learning Systems.**
February 7 & 14. Local Feldenkrais practitioner
Katherine Rogers introduces a movement re-educat-
ion method that makes people aware of how they
can move more easily. Wear loose, comfortable cloth-
ing. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320
Baldwin Ave. Free to first-time visitors. 971-5285.

**Cribbage Tournament: Ann Arbor Public Schools
Community Recreation & Education.** February 7,
14, & 21. All invited to join this citywide three-day
cribbage tournament. Finalists also play on February
28 and possibly March 6. Bring cribbage boards and
cards. 6:30 p.m. (registration), 7 p.m. (play), Pioneer
High School. \$10 (school district nonresidents, \$12).
994-2364.

★**Weekly Meeting: Huron Valley Toastmasters.**
Every Monday. Members give speeches and are cri-
tiqued by their audience. A chance to develop confi-
dence in speaking publicly. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by
dinner in the cafeteria. Note: Different Toastmasters
chapters meet every Wednesday & Thursday (see
listings). 7-9 p.m., U-M Main Hospital cafeteria,
1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free to visi-
tors. Dues: \$48 a year (after a onetime nonrefund-
able fee of \$16). 663-1836.

★**Weekly Meeting: The Barony of Cynabar.**
Every Monday. All invited to join this local chapter
of the Society for Creative Anachronism to work on
re-creating different aspects of medieval culture, in-
cluding heraldry, costuming, embroidery, and other
crafts. 7 p.m., 1305 EECS, 1301 Beal, North Cam-
pus. Free. For information, call Bill Rayl at
973-8825.

★**"Bread Making": Zingerman's Bakehouse.**
Zingerman's Bakehouse owner Frank Carollo talks
about bread making and the different varieties
Zingerman's makes (with taste samples). Also, par-
ticipants knead, shape, bake, and take home a loaf of
Zingerman's rustic Italian bread. Proceeds donated to
Food Gatherers, a local organization that collects ex-
cess fresh food from restaurants and markets to dis-
tribute to local shelters and other organizations with
food programs. 7-9 p.m., Zingerman's Bakehouse,
3711 Plaza Dr. \$15. Space limited; reservations re-
quired. 761-2095.

Open Meeting: Washtenaw Chess Club. Every
Monday & Wednesday. All invited to play chess with
their peers. Chess sets & clocks provided. 7-11 p.m.,
Chess Express, 220 S. Main (below Elmo's Super-
shirts). \$3 (first-time visitors, free). 665-0612.

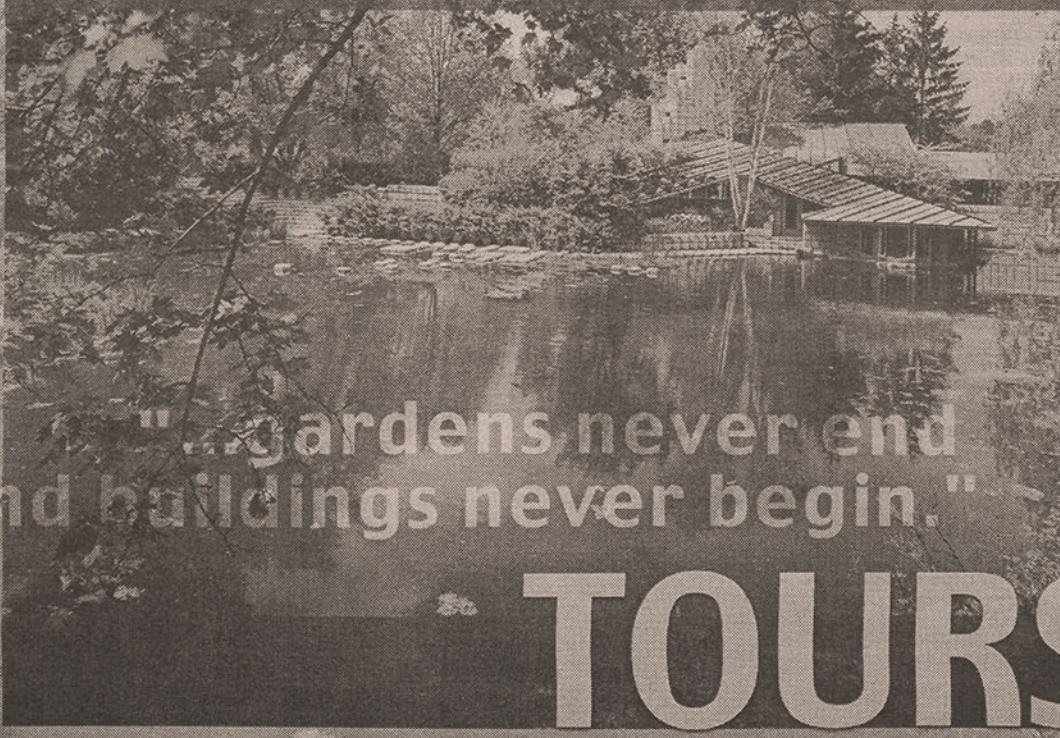
★**Monthly Large Ensemble Meeting: Ann Arbor
Recorder Society.** All beginning and advanced play-
ers of the recorder and other early instruments invit-
ed. Music provided; bring your own music stand. 7-9
p.m., Clontara School, 1289 Jewett (between Pack-
ard and South Industrial). Free to first-time visitors
(\$30 annual dues). 769-1616.

★**"Messages for the Millennium": Crystal Clear
Expressions.** Nanci Rose Gerler channels spiritual
messages from various masters, guides, and angels.
7-9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 114 S. Main.
\$12. Reservations requested. 996-8799.

★**"Close to the Earth: Reconnecting with the Nat-
ural World": Whole Foods Market.** January 24 &
31 and February 7. Local psychotherapist Jeanne
Mackey leads a 3-part program that includes journal-
ing, discussion, and hands-on activities. Participants
need not attend all 3 sessions. 7-8:30 p.m., Tappan
Middle School, 2251 E. Stadium. Free. Preregistra-
tion required. 971-3366.

★**"Stories from Laura Ingalls Wilder's Lifetime":
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Barbara Wilcox appears in period dress to tell stories that Laura Ingalls Wilder might have heard, including Native American stories, fairy tales, and stories Wilder wrote. 7 p.m., *Borders*, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**Choir Concert: Pioneer High School.** Kenneth Westerman leads choir members in solo and ensemble performances of a variety of works. 7 p.m., *Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium*, 601 W. Stadium at S. Main. Free. 994-2120.

Weekly Meeting: Dream Group. Every Monday. All invited to join local social worker Rebecca Mullen to discuss their dreams from Jungian, Buddhist, and other spiritual perspectives. 7:30 p.m., location TBA. \$5 donation. 662-5925.

★**Weekly Rehearsal: Out Loud Chorus.** Every Monday. Beginning to advanced singers invited to join this chorus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. 7:30-9:30 p.m., *Memorial Christian Church*, 730 Tappan. Free. 973-6084.

★**"Monday Evenings with Stephen McLean": LifeTouch Chiropractic.** February 7 & 21. Ongoing series of talks by this local chiropractor. Tonight: "The Relationship of Posture and Consciousness." Also this month: "Psychoneuroimmunology: States of Consciousness and Their Relationship to Immune Function" (February 21). 8 p.m., *LifeTouch Chiropractic*, 1210 N. Maple Rd. at Miller. Free, but reservations requested. 668-6110.

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8 TUESDAY

★**"Introduction to Computers I & II": Ann Arbor District Library.** Feb. 8 & 9 (part 1) and Feb. 15 & 16 (part 2). A hands-on introduction to computers, with an emphasis on basic skills. Open to all AADL cardholders. 10 a.m. (Feb. 8 & 15) & 7 p.m. (Feb. 9 & 16), AADL training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. \$5. Preregistration required. 327-4550.

★**"Children's Reading Hour": Once Upon a Child.** February 8 & 22. A half-hour storytime for preschoolers and toddlers. 10:30-11 a.m., *Once Upon a Child*, 3426 Washtenaw. Free. 973-3111.

★**"Helping the Bereaved Child": Washtenaw Area Council for Children Luncheon Lecture Series.** Talk by local social worker Sally Dunning, developer of children's services programs at Arbor Hospice. Noon-2 p.m., *Balas III Bldg. Conference Room D*, 2765 Boardwalk. \$5 includes buffet lunch. Reservations required. 761-7071.

★**"Remembering Diamond Head, Remembering Hawaii": Ann Arbor District Library "Booked for Lunch."** Former Diamond Head Cafe owner Shirley Tong Parola offers interesting anecdotes from her recently published cookbook and family memoir. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Taped for repeat broadcasts on cable channel 17 (or 9). 12:10-1 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4282.

★**"Senior Supper Club": Chelsea Community Hospital.** All seniors invited to play cards, listen to a speaker TBA (4 p.m.), and enjoy supper (5 p.m.). 2:30 p.m., *Chelsea Community Hospital dining*

room, 775 S. Main, Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 159 and turn left at the light.) \$5. 475-4103.

★**"Henry Tappan, His Observatory, and His Dog: Prussian Pretensions in Provincial Ann Arbor": U-M Detroit Observatory Lecture Series.** U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology curator and art history professor Margaret Cool Root discusses the U-M's first president, and his spectacular creation of the Detroit Observatory. 3 p.m., *U-M Detroit Observatory meeting room*, 1398 E. Ann St. at Observatory St. Free. 763-2230.

★**Materials Recovery Facility Monthly Open House: Ann Arbor Solid Waste Department.** February 8 & 12. Guided tours of the city's recycling and trash disposal center. This month's special activities include a display on vermicomposting (indoor composting with worms). Also, February 12 only, a vermicomposting workshop (\$20; preregistration required by February 10). 3-5 p.m. (Feb. 8) & 10 a.m.-noon (Feb. 12), *Materials Recovery Facility*, 4120 Platt Rd. Free. 994-2807.

★**"Art by Michigan Prisoners": U-M School of Art and Design.** See review, p. 74. Opening reception for this exhibit of acrylic and oil paintings, paper collages, and multimedia and found-object works collected from 10 Michigan prison art programs (see Galleries). 4-6:30 p.m., *Rackham Galleries*, 915 E. Washington. Free. 936-2082.

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild.** Award-winning local quilt artist and sculptor Mary Gentry discusses and displays her work. Q&A. 6:45 p.m., *Zion Lutheran Church*, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 665-4601.

★**Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to discuss *The Hours*, Michael Cunningham's homage to Virginia Woolf that interweaves a fictional tale about Woolf with those of two other women. 7 p.m., *Barnes & Noble*, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**"Learn to Draw Your Favorite Pokemon Character": Arborland Borders Books and Music.** February 8 & 22. Pat Jackson, cartoonist for the Japanese comic *A New York Detective Story*, teaches participants how to draw their favorite Pokemon characters, such as Aerodactyl, Charmander, and Bulbasaur. Bring a pad of paper; pencils provided. 7 p.m., *Borders*, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 677-6948.

★**Douglas Coupland: Liberty Borders.** This best-selling author of *Girlfriend in a Coma* and *Generation X* reads from *Miss Wyoming*, his new novel about a love affair between a former child beauty pageant contender and a burned-out movie producer. Also, signing. 7 p.m., *Borders*, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★**"Flying Dance Meditation Class": Whole Foods Market.** Hawaiian Sacred Temple bodyworks practitioners Alani Galbraith-Kuzma and Tom Kuzma introduce easy-to-learn techniques of heart-centered, energy-balancing bodywork. 7 p.m., location TBA. Free. Preregistration required. 971-3366.

★**Dodworth Saxhorn Band: SKR Classical.** Members of this Ypsilanti band that uses pre-Civil War instruments display and discuss their instruments. The instruments may include such items as horns with over-the-shoulder bells that reflect their origin in military bands that marched ahead of Civil War troops. 7 p.m., *SKR Classical*, 539 Liberty. Free. 995-5051.

★**Groupe de Francais.** All fluent French speakers invited for conversation. 7:30-9 p.m., *Cafe Zola*, 112 W. Washington. Free. 996-1848.

★**"The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah": Knox Single Adult Ministries.** February 8 & 22. All single adults age 25 & older invited to join a Bible discussion. 7:30-9 p.m., *Knox Evangelical Presbyterian Church*, 2065 S. Wagner Rd. at Scio Church Rd. Free. 971-KNOX.

★**"Celtic Lore": Druids of Shining Lakes Grove.** February 8 & 22. Talk by a local druid TBA. Basic knowledge of paganism required. Tonight's topic: "Divinatory Ritual." Also this month: "Societal Structures in the Indo-European World" (February 22). 7:30-9:30 p.m., *Guild House*, 802 Monroe. Free. 487-4931.

★**"Livingston County's Approach to Preventing the Expulsion of Young Children from Child Care": Infant Mental Health Study Group Monthly Meeting.** Talk by Livingston County social workers Matt Vergith and Kathy Manta. 7:30-9 p.m., office of pediatrician John Gall, 3200 W. Liberty. Free. 668-6290.

★**University Philharmonia Orchestra: U-M School of Music.** Rossen Milanov conducts this U-M student ensemble in a program including Mozart's Symphony no. 36 and Prokofiev's Symphony no. 7. Also, concertos showcasing winners of the annual music-student concerto competition: Sunny Kuo performs Chopin's Piano Concerto no. 2, and Stephen Miahky performs Shostakovich's Violin Concerto. 8 p.m., Hill

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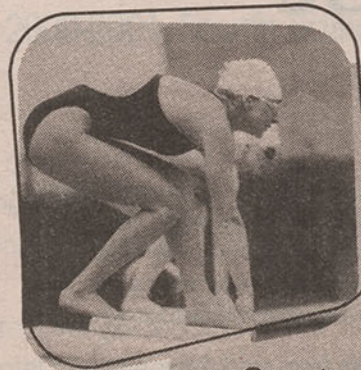


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FILMS

MTF. "Dr. Strangelove; or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" (Stanley Kubrick, 1964). See 5 Saturday. Mich., 7 p.m. **"All about My Mother"** (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 7:15 & 9:30 p.m. **"Topsy-Turvy"** (Mike Leigh, 1999). See 1 Tuesday. Mich., 9 p.m.

9 WEDNESDAY

★Preschool Toy Test and Coffee Klatch: Learning Express. February 9 & 23. Local child development specialist Dody Viola discusses toys as learning aids with moms while their kids try out some Learning Express toys. 10-11:30 a.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 997-0707.

★Open House: First United Methodist Co-op Nursery School. All invited to learn more about this cooperative nursery school for 3- and 4-year-olds. 10-11 a.m., First United Methodist Co-op Nursery School, 120 S. State St. Free. 747-8323.

★"Shamanic Healing Practices of South America": U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center. Peruvian shamans, scientists, and teachers Theo Paredes and Ruben Orellana discuss Andean healing techniques. Followed by a training session (1-3 p.m., preregistration required). All invited. Noon, U-M Hospital Maternal/Child Health Center auditorium, 1500 E. Medical Ctr. Dr. Free. 998-7715.

★"Ask a Nurse": Northeast Senior Center. All seniors invited to bring health questions for this Q&A session with a local nurse. 12:45 p.m., Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free. 996-0070.

★"Introduction to Trager." Local physical therapist and certified Trager practitioner Eileen Dickenson introduces this therapy that uses movement, touch, and an open meditative state to promote relaxation and improve mobility. 7-8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. Reservations required. 717-4145.

★"Yoga for Stress Relief": Whole Foods Market. Popular local yoga instructor Emma Stefanova teaches techniques for mental and physical relaxation. Wear loose, comfortable clothes. 7:15 p.m., location TBA. Free, reservations required. 971-3366.

★Monthly Meeting: Arrow Communication Association Amateur Radio Club. All invited to discuss ham radio activities and issues. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett. Free to visitors (\$20 annual dues). 930-6564.

★"Gardens of Splendor: The Royal Gardens of Louis XIV, XV, and XVI": Ann Arbor Garden Club Monthly Meeting. Former club president Bonnie Ion discusses these lovely baroque gardens. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 662-7211.

★"Dorje Zampa: The Thunderbolt Bridge": Dam Tsig Foundation. Local Tibetan Buddhist lamas Traktung Rinpoche and A'dzom Rinpoche discuss Tantric Buddhist visualization techniques and mantric awareness song. 7:30-8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. 663-3842.

★History Reading Group: Barnes & Noble. EMU history professor Michael Homel leads a discussion of Kenneth Jackson's *The Crabgrass Frontier*. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★"Choral, Pops, and Jazz Concert": Greenhills School. Ben Cohen and Deborah Henderson direct high school choir and jazz combos in a variety of pop and jazz tunes. 7:30 p.m., Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free. 205-4000.

★"Why Sex Matters: A Darwinian Look at Human Behavior": Shaman Drum Bookshop. U-M resource ecology professor Bobbi Low discusses her new book exploring the extent to which the genetically encoded drive to reproduce is the motive behind a surprisingly wide range of human behaviors. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop,

315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

★"The Stones Remember": American Movement for Israel (Hamagshimim). All invited to bring original and previously published poems, stories, songs, and personal vignettes about Israel to read, recite, or recount, in any language. 8 p.m., Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. 4th Ave. Free. 769-0500.

Scandinavian Couple Dancing: Multicultural Folk Arts Center. February 9 & 23. Traditional turning couple dances, mainly from Sweden and Norway, including hambo, schottis, Boda polska, and Tele-springar. All dances taught by Bruce Sagan, who also provides some live music. No partner necessary. Hard-soled shoes strongly recommended. All invited. 8-10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$5. 327-3636.

Lowen & Navarro: The Ark. Eric Lowen and Dan Navarro are an acoustic folk-rock duo from San Francisco known for their lilting, sweetly intoxicating vocal harmonies. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Michael Gould and Brian Hedeon: Kerrytown Concert House. Concert of solos and duets on the shakuhachi (Japanese bamboo flute) and Tibetan singing bowls and gongs. One of only a dozen non-Japanese shakuhachi players to become a Dai Shiha (grand master) on the instrument, U-M shakuhachi instructor Gould performs monthly at the U-M Museum of Art's popular Japanese teahouse demonstration (see 27 Sunday listing). Detroit native Hedeon, who has studied Tibetan singing bowl and multiphonic metals music since 1996, has recently appeared with Gould at several area concerts. 8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$8 (students, \$5). Reservations suggested. 769-2999.

Meredith Monk: University Musical Society. This award-winning composer-vocalist, choreographer, and filmmaker presents her new "science-fiction chamber opera," *Magic Frequencies*. Interweaving movement, music, and theater, the work's several sequences offer inventive combinations of voices and instruments for Monk (who sings in many sequences) and her vocal ensemble of 6 singers and 2 musicians. In one sequence, a female newscaster's voice deepens into a male voice and continues to change beyond her control, as the news becomes more and more horrible. Other episodes explore the element of song in mundane activities: a woman's ordinary telephone conversation takes the form of scat singing that dovetails with instrumental melodies, and a couple's dinner conversation takes the form of two-part vocal music. Preceded by "Goddess Meredith: The Genius of Meredith Monk," a talk by UMS education director Ben Johnson (Michigan League Koessler Library, 7 p.m.). 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$16-\$30 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

FILMS

MTF. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., evening time TBA.

10 THURSDAY

★"Valentine Bake Sale/Arts and Crafts Sale": Northeast Senior Center. Sale of baked goods and Valentine gifts and crafts made by members of this senior center. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Domino's Farms Lobby G, 30 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. (off Earhart Rd. north of Plymouth Rd.). Free admission. 996-0070.

"Reporting to You from Wall Street": Margaret Waterman Alumnae Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series. Talk by stockbroker and financial consultant David Goldman, a former stand-up comic who created *The Laughing Stockbroker*, an ABC.com web show offering lighthearted financial advice. Followed by lunch (\$15 by reservation only) and Q&A. 10:30 a.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, Michigan League. Tickets \$15 in advance and at the door. 663-3808.

"NetWorks": Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce. A popular monthly program that provides local businesspeople a chance to meet and learn about one another's businesses. This month's speaker: Pietrasiuk, Kelley, & Kelley CPA Jim Palazzolo offers "Six Tax-Saving Secrets from the Savvy CPA." 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Detroit Edison Center Community Room, 425 S. Main. \$12 (members, \$7) includes light refreshments. 214-0104.

★Lee K. Abbott: U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series. Fiction reading by this short-story writer known for his vigorous, witty stories about modern men struggling to make sense of their lives. His new collection, *Wet Place at Noon*, has been called energetic and driven, with a touch of the grotesque. 5 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater. Free. 647-6471.

★**Marianetta Porter, Lisa Olson, and Raymond Materson: U-M Institute for the Humanities.** Opening reception for an exhibit of works by these 3 artists that is on display in the Institute for Humanities gallery areas in Rackham from January 5 through February 25. The artists comment briefly on their work. Porter, a U-M art professor, and Olson, a local artist and U-M art school grad, are longtime collaborators who create installations celebrating the everyday. Materson is a self-taught artist from Wynantville, New York, whose mixed-media works are often made from found materials, like a plastic plate or nylon reinforcement thread from work socks. 5-6:30 p.m., 1524 Rackham. Free. 936-3519.

★**"Software Entrepreneurial Essentials": Ann Arbor Software Council.** Talk by Network Express cofounder Dick Eidswick. Also, U-M technology management office interim director Marvin Parnes discusses technology transfer and commercialization of research activities at the U-M. 5:15 p.m., 18 Wolverine Tower, 3003 S. State at Eisenhower. \$15 (AASC members, \$10). Preregistration requested. 214-0101.

★**Exhibit Tours: U-M Museum of Art.** February 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, & 27. Museum docents explain Chinese paintings in the new exhibit *The Orchid Pavilion Gathering*. 6:30 p.m. (Thursdays) & 2 p.m. (Sundays), UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764-0395.

★**Monthly Meeting: Huron Land Use Alliance.** All invited to discuss ways to promote preservation of open space and the development of livable communities in Washtenaw County. 7-9 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 769-5123.

★**Monthly Meeting: Chapter 333 of the Experimental Aircraft Association.** Ann Arbor Airport manager Jim Hawley speaks on a topic TBA. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Airport Terminal, 801 Airport Dr. (off S. State just south of I-94). Free. For information, call Dennis Horton at 971-1794.

★**"Learning Curves in Business": Liberty Borders.** Local freelance writer Jeff Mortimer discusses his book about the various roads to success traveled by 21 top local businesspeople and community leaders. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club.** Showing of *Valley of the Eagles*, a video documentary about eagles in Alaska. Refreshments. Bring your bird. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 N. Main. Free. (313) 928-4270.

★**"Beer Tasting: Strong Ales": Arbor Brewing Company.** A chance to sample and learn about a variety of big, strong, winter ales from around the globe, including scotch ales, barley wines, old ales, and more. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a light appetizer buffet. 7-9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets \$20 in advance and (if available) at the door. 213-1393.

★**"Out of Africa: An Introduction to African Plants": Ann Arbor District Library.** Presentation by representatives from U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4282.

★**"Dusa, Fish, Stas, and Vi": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** February 10-12. U-M student Cara Gabriel directs U-M student Pam Gems's play about four women—a single mother whose child is kidnapped, an adolescent waif, a prostitute, and a political activist—trying to move ahead in life. Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze basement), 105 S. State St. Free. 764-6800.

★**"Songwriters Open Mike": Oz's Music Environment.** All songwriters invited. Hosted by Jim Novak. The performances are videotaped and edited for a weekly show on cable channel 9 (or 17) Tuesdays, 8-9 p.m. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oz's, 1920 Packard. Free. 662-8283.

★**Romance Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to discuss Patricia Cabot's *An Improper Proposal*. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**"Doing Time: 25 Years of Prison Writing": Shaman Drum Bookshop.** Bell Gale Chevigny and Judee Norton read from and discuss this anthology they coedited of pieces by 51 inmates in American prisons. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

★**Jazz Combos: U-M School of Music.** Performance by U-M music-student jazz ensembles. 8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

Doudou N'Diaye Rose: University Musical Society. See review, p. 57. This legendary Senegalese percussionist leads his 35-member *Drummers of West Africa* in a five-part program of intricate, powerful drumming on nine different traditional instruments, highlighted by rhythms from Senegalese ceremonies. Arguably the most revered percussion or-

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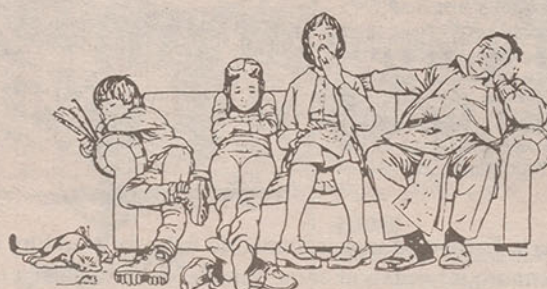
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chestra in the world, the group layers complex rhythmic patterns to reveal what a *Roots World* reviewer calls "the essential strength of African music: the rhythm of the drum fused to the rhythm of the shaking earth." The music is so stirring that at a New York City concert last summer, audience members forbidden to dance in the aisles went up on stage to dance. Rose's commitment to researching and presenting authentic Senegalese music has made him a renowned cultural ambassador, and he's collaborated with everyone from the Kodo Drummers to Miles Davis, Peter Gabriel, and the Rolling Stones. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$10-\$26 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

Corey Harris: Prism Productions. This highly regarded young African American acoustic blues singer-guitarist is known for his strikingly expressive voice and his commanding reinterpretations of traditional country blues by the likes of Charlie Patton, Robert Johnson, Mississippi Fred McDowell, and Memphis Minnie. His latest Alligator CD, *Greens from the Garden*, enriches his down-home palette with elements of New Orleans R&B, Cajun waltzes, and Caribbean dance music, and features guest vocalist Billy Bragg on Harris's "Teabag Blues." 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$12 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Colored People's Time": U-M Theater Department. February 10-13. U-M drama professor Darryl Jones directs U-M drama students in Leslie Lee's telling, often funny drama, a series of vignettes about the struggles—sometimes courageous, sometimes fainthearted or venal—of ordinary African Americans with pivotal moments in their history, from early slave days to the civil rights movement to contemporary times. 8 p.m., Lydia Mendelsohn Theater, Michigan League. Tickets \$14 & \$18 (students, \$7) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-0450.

"All in the Timing": P.T.D. Productions. February 10-13 & 17-19. Brian Burchette directs talented local actors in David Ives's suite of seven one-act comedies. The bright, witty stories include tales about three chimps with writer's block, a moment of existential crisis in a bakery, two people threading their way gingerly through a conversational minefield, Leon Trotsky, and a lesson in "the universal language." Cast: Johnnie Barr, Janet Rich, Val Merceica, Ken McGregor, Rick Katon, and Dennis Platte. 8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$15 (students & seniors, \$10) in advance and at the door. 483-7345.

"Dames at Sea": EMU Theater Department. See 4 Friday, 8 p.m.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday, 8 p.m.

★**"A Cappella Night: U-M Michigan League 'Spotlight Thursday.'** Performance by 2 U-M student a cappella ensembles, the Harmonettes from the Women's Glee Club and the Madrigals. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League Underground, 911 North University, Free. 763-4652.

Sue Murphy: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. February 10-12. A fast-rising star, this very funny L.A. comic blends self-effacing yet trenchant observational and topical humor with a physically animated performing style that includes lots of spontaneous mimicry. A huge hit in her Mainstreet debut last fall. Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. 8:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$10 reserved seating in advance, \$15 general admission at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996-9080.

FILMS

MTF. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday, Mich., evening time TBA.

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★**"God at 2000": Canterbury House.** February 11 & 12. An interactive nationwide satellite TV teleconference offering a chance to speak with a panel of noted religious leaders, scholars, and authors about how people's image of God is changing. Panel members are Nobel Prize winner and retired archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, Oregon State University religion and culture professor Marcus Borg, Harvard religion professor Diana Eck, noted rabbi and author Lawrence Kushner, Benedictine nun and author Joan Chittister, George Washington University Islamic studies professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr, and former Roman Catholic nun and author Karen Armstrong. About 3 panel members appear at a time

biography

Peter Guralnick For the love of the music

Peter Guralnick is our leading historian of vernacular American music. His seven books have traced the lines of song from Delta blues and the earliest country tunes through R&B to rock 'n' roll, from juke joints at the crossroads to concerts in football stadiums and Las Vegas showrooms. He writes intelligently and clearly, but his work is always informed by the passion of a true fan. He writes about American popular music because he loves it.

That love of the music has made Guralnick an engaged portraitist of many of the central figures of early rock. At one point in his mammoth two-volume biography of Elvis Presley, he describes a review he wrote of Elvis's famous 1968 TV "comeback" special. He loved the show, but even thirty years later he's still quite rightly pleased with himself for loving it. In a parenthetical aside he recalls gleefully, "It was definitely not cool in 1968 to like Elvis."

His work on Elvis is Guralnick's most significant contribution. Following upon an infamous spate of books dwelling on the image of a wasted, prurient, bloated man, old then dead before his time, Guralnick's attempt to put Elvis in a continuum of American popular music and to evaluate his genius is an overdue corrective. *Last Train to Memphis*, the first volume of this biography, reveals a quiet young man learning his lessons from the music of the rural South, from both white and black musicians, and from both the secular and gospel traditions. It shows clearly the genius that brought together these different strains and then released a new music on an audience that didn't even know it had been waiting for it. Elvis's immediate and fabulous success was a fitting reward for creating one version of rock 'n' roll.

In *Careless Love*, the second volume of the biography, Guralnick does something



different: he tries to understand the destructive elements that underlie this American success story. *Careless Love* must have been a difficult, even gut-wrenching book to write, as he unveiled the forces that divorced Elvis from the source of his own art. But Guralnick makes his own plea at the end of his 1,100-plus pages of biography:

In the face of facts, for all that we have come to know, it is necessary to listen unprejudiced and unencumbered if we are to hear Elvis' message: the proclamation of emotions long suppressed, the embrace of a vulnerability culturally denied, the unabashed striving for freedom. Elvis Presley may have lost his way, but even in his darkest moments, he still retained some of the same innocent transparency that first defined the difference in the music and the man.

Peter Guralnick reads from *Careless Love: The Unmaking of Elvis Presley* at Borders on Liberty on Tuesday, February 15.

—Keith Taylor

during the two-day show. Although the teleconference, broadcast from Oregon State University, involves several dozen audience sites around the nation, Ann Arborites have a good chance of speaking with the panel, as Canterbury House is a pilot site this year. The teleconference can also be viewed on a satellite TV channel TBA. Noon-7:30 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron St. Free. 665-0606.

★**"Healthy Eating for Seniors":** U-M Turner Geriatrics Center. Talk by Washtenaw County Extension Service representative Christina Edge. Noon-1 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998-9353.

★**"Valentine Tea Open House":** Arborcare. All invited to visit this assisted living facility for older adults to learn about assisted living in a home care setting. Refreshments. 1-4 p.m., Arborcare location TBA. Free. 663-4550.

★**The Yiddish Group:** Jewish Community Center. All invited for readings and discussion of Yiddish literature selections TBA. Also, singing of Yiddish songs. 1:30-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

★**"Looking Out, Looking In":** U-M Residential College Art Gallery. Opening reception for this exhibit of mixed-media avant-garde works by Chinese artists. Preceded by a talk by artist Hu Jie Ming (3 p.m.). 4-6 p.m., RC Art Gallery, East Quad, 701 East University. Free. 662-6024.

★**"Metals 2000":** U-M School of Art and Design. Opening reception for this exhibit of jewelry and metalwork by regional university faculty and students (see Galleries). 5:30-8 p.m., Robbins Center for Graduate Studies, Art and Architecture Bldg., 2000 Bonisteel, North Campus. Free. 936-2082.

★**"Winter Evening at Cobblestone Farm":** Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. A variety of activities throughout the restored 1844 Ticknor-Campbell farmhouse, including 19th-century adults' and children's games, storytelling, and seasonal craft projects. Refreshments. 6-9 p.m., Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). \$2 (families, \$8;

children under 3, free). 994-2928.

★**"Hearts for the Arts":** Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra/U-M Health System Heart Care Program. Champagne reception, formal dinner (filet mignon, salmon, and a vegetarian dish), and live auction of original art and memorabilia contributed by local and national artists, local merchants, and celebrities. Items include custom jewelry by Alex Gulko, a Bordeaux wine tasting for six, an autographed photo of John Travolta, and an apple pie baked by Mayor Sheldon. Also, a silent auction of about 200 items, and displays and information on pediatric heart care. Concludes with dancing to big band music by the Couriers. Proceeds benefit both organizations' youth outreach programs. 6 p.m. (reception), 7 p.m. (dinner and auction), Crowne Plaza Ann Arbor, 610 Hilton Blvd. (off S. State just past Briarwood). \$100. For reservations, call 994-4801.

★**"Sweetheart Party":** Gymboree. Children 8 months to 4 years old, accompanied by a parent, are invited to do a craft, enjoy a snack, and play on Gymboree's play gym. 6:30 p.m., Gymboree, 3660 Plaza Dr. (south off Eisenhower west of State St.). \$20 (members, \$15). 214-3770.

★**"Moonlight Serenade":** Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. Cross-country skiing on lighted, groomed paths. Weather permitting. 6:30-9 p.m., Huron Hills Cross Country Ski Center, 3465 E. Huron River Dr. at Huron Pkwy. \$2.50 trail fee. Ski rental (includes trail fee) \$6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, \$3.75). 971-6840.

★**Family Reading Night:** Ann Arbor District Library. February 11 & 25 (different branch locations). Local community leaders and celebrities TBA read their favorite family stories. Also, snacks and family crafts. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL Loving Branch, 3042 Creek Dr. (off Packard just east of Platt). Free. Preregistration required. 994-2342.

★**"Dusa, Fish, Stas, and Vi":** U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 10 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

★**"Winter Hike":** Waterloo Natural History Association. Waterloo Recreation Area park interpreter

Lisa Gamero leads an evening hike and offers tips for winter hiking. Dress for the weather. 7 p.m., Big Portage Lake campground, Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 150, follow Mount Hope Rd. north to Seymour Rd., and go west on Seymour Rd. The entrance to Big Portage Lake is on the right.) Free. Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entry fee, unless you already have a state motor vehicle permit (\$20 per year). 475-3170.

★**"Emotional Growth and Its Function":** Great Lakes Pathwork. All invited to read and discuss this lecture on the spiritual and psychological discipline known as the Pathwork, as channeled by the late Eva Pierrakos. Printed lectures available at the meeting. 7 p.m., Co-Housing Common House, 424 Little Lake Dr. Free. 665-6231, 663-5853.

★**"Persian Poetry Night":** U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies. All invited to bring a favorite Persian poem to share, or come to listen. 7-10 p.m., 1644 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0350.

★**"Hearts Afire":** Arborland Borders Books and Music. Area teens invited to recite their poems about love and relationships. Hosted by Pioneer High School English teacher Jeff Kass. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

U-M Women's Gymnastics vs. MSU. 7 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763-2159.

★U-M Wrestling vs. Minnesota. 7 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, Hoover at S. State. Free. 764-0247.

U-M Ice Hockey vs. WMU. February 11 & 12. 7:30 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. \$10-\$17. 764-0247.

★**Monthly Meeting:** Professional Volunteer Corps. Singles 25 and older can join this group that provides volunteers for community projects. Each month, members plan social outings and vote on service projects to sponsor. Preceded at 7 p.m. by socializing and newcomer orientation. 7:30 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 747-6801.

★**Monthly Bardic Night:** Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to join local pagans in an evening of free-form drumming, singing, poetry, and storytelling. 7:30-11 p.m., Inter-Cooperative Council Education Center, 1522 Hill St. (in the carriage house behind the co-op buildings). Free. 487-4931.

★**"Perma-Culture":** Older Lesbians Organizing. All lesbians invited to discuss the globalization of culture and its effect on local communities. Also, a social gathering, sock hop, and potluck on February 26 (call Jan at 428-8824). 7:30 p.m., Common Language Bookstore, 215 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 482-2996.

★**"Mack Pool Luau":** Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. Mack Pool is transformed into a tropical paradise—or a passable facsimile of one. Tropical food, games & prizes, and other activities. Swimming. 7:30-9 p.m., Mack Pool, 715 Brooks at Miller. \$2.50 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & older, \$1.50). 994-2898.

★**Empatheater.** This local theater group in its 6th season, directed by psychologist Sara Schreiber, invites audience members to write down their concerns and life situations, which become a springboard for the actors' improvisations. Theatergoers watch their stories come alive, and can even at times participate in the dramatic action. This month's topic: **"Doctors & Dentists."** Schreiber describes the process as "a combination of psychodrama, improvisational theater, and drama therapy." 7:30 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$12 & \$15 (students and seniors, \$8) in advance and at the door. 769-2999.

★**Angell Hall Observatory Open House:** U-M Student Astronomical Society. All invited to peer through the telescope on the Angell Hall roof to examine interesting and sublime celestial bodies, such as colorful binary stars, the Oort cloud, and Saturn's rings. Members of the U-M Student Astronomical Society on hand to answer questions. 8-10 p.m., fifth floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (from the large State St. entrance, take one of the elevators on the left). Free. 936-3626.

★**Second Friday Advanced English Frolic.** English country dancing for experienced dancers. Fast pace, with limited walk-throughs. Live music by A Perfect Match; caller TBA. 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$7. 937-1552.

★**Spring Concert:** Swing Singers (Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Education and Recreation). Marc Weagraff directs these local women's chorus in a family concert of favorite pop standards, including "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing," "Georgia on My Mind," "Paper Moon," "Scarborough Fair," "In The Mood," and others. Also, the group is accepting new members before their March rehearsals begin for a June concert. 8

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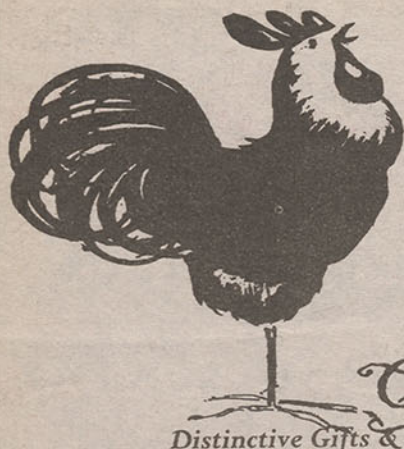
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"4th Annual Benefit Cabaret": Ann Arbor Civic Theater. February 11 & 12. AACT members and other local artists present cabaret performances of everything from show tunes to contemporary pop in this very popular annual fund-raiser. 8 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). \$25 in advance and at the door. 971-AACT.

"Bastien and Bastienne" and "The Medium": EMU Music Department "Opera Nights." February 11 & 12. Donald Hartmann directs EMU opera students in two contrasting operas, Mozart's *Bastien and Bastienne* and Menotti's *The Medium*. Kevin Miller conducts the EMU Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$9 (students, \$6) in advance at the Quirk Theater Box Office and at the door. 487-1221.

Martha Clarke: University Musical Society. Ann Arbor debut of this acclaimed choreographer and director once called "the Federico Fellini of theater-dance." The program features *Vers la Flamme (Towards the Flame)*, a dreamy, passionate work that fuses the spare pathos of 5 Chekhov stories with the volatile sensuousness of Aleksandr Scriabin piano works. The Chekhov stories—"The Lady with the Lapdog," "Enemies," "The Darling," "The Grasshopper," and "A Nervous Breakdown"—all explore anguished relationships and stymied desire, and Clarke's six dancers re-create the tales wordlessly, relying on enacted scenes and gestural images from the stories rather than spoken text for narration. Dancers: Felix Blaska, Kate Coyne, Margie Gillis, George de la Pena, Alexandre Proia, and Paola Styron. Piano accompanist is Christopher O'Riley. Nudity, adult situations. The performance is followed by a dialogue with the artists. 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$16-\$32 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

"Once upon a Mattress": Huron High Players. February 11-13. Richard Ingram directs Huron students in the Mary Rodgers musical comedy based on the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea." Set in medieval times, the story stars the dashing Prince Dauntless, who is courting the lovely if overly sensitive Princess Winifred. Cast: Colby Spencer, Robert Huebner, John Wilkinson, Sheri Jaffe, Emily Galimore, and Rene Scheys. 8 p.m., Huron High School Auditorium, 2727 Fuller Rd. \$10 (students & seniors, \$8; families of four, \$30) in advance at the Huron music office, and at the door. 994-2096.

"No Exit": U-M Rude Mechanicals (University Activities Center). February 11-12. Mark Smollin directs other U-M students in Jean-Paul Sartre's best-known play, the taut, bleak tale of a couple trapped in a drawing room who discover that "hell is other people." 8 p.m., U-M Media Union Video Studio, 2281 Bonisteel, North Campus. Tickets \$8 (students, \$6) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"Dames at Sea": EMU Theater Department. See 4 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Colored People's Time": U-M Theater Department. See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"All in The Timing": P.T.D. Productions. See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Sue Murphy: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 10 Thursday. 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

FILMS

MTF. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:15 p.m.

12 SATURDAY

"Winter Bird Walk": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike through several habitat types to look for and discuss shrikes, bluebirds, and more. Followed by tea and cocoa in the lodge. Dress for the cold. 9 a.m., Rolling Hills Lodge, 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free. 971-6337.

"Blizzard Ball Scramble": Ann Arbor Parks Department. Six holes of golf (in snow, weather permitting). Each golfer plays their foursome's best ball, including putts. Prizes for winning men's, women's, and coed teams, and for longest drive and closest to the pin. Hot sloppy joes and cake for all participants after play is completed. 9 a.m., Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Rd. \$48 (includes greens fee and food) per 4-person team. Preregistration re-

quired. Participants receive a starting time when they register. 994-1163.

"Seeds in the Winds of Change: A Forum on Genetically Engineered Foods": Community Farm of Ann Arbor/Whole Foods Market. An all-day conference addressing the pros and cons of the controversial topic of genetically altered foods, from beef containing bovine growth hormone to genetically modified crops. Speakers include U-M professor of genetics Charles Sing on "The Genetics of Genetically Modified Organisms" (9:10 a.m.), MSU crop and soil science professor Donald Warkentin on "The Potential Benefits of Genetically Modified Organisms" (9:40 a.m.), Consumers Union representative Michael Hansen on "Environmental and Health Impacts of Genetically Modified Organisms" (10:10 a.m.), Community Farm owners Paul Bantle and Anne Elder on "The Perspective of Local Organic Farmers" (1 p.m.), Lesser Farms owner Dale Lesser on "The Perspective of a Local Conventional Farmer" (1:30 p.m.), Eden Foods CEO Michael Potter on "The Perspective of an Organic Food Retailer" (2 p.m.), Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy representative Renske van Staveren on "Social and Political Implications of Genetically Modified Crops" (2:45 p.m.), and Safe Food Campaign representative Ben Lilliston on "What Can We Do? Grassroots and Community Organizing" (3:15 p.m.). Also, Q&A. Free organic lunch at 11:30 a.m. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. 433-0261.

Monthly Show: Huron Gun Collectors. February 12 & 13. Some 100 dealers and collectors offer guns, knives, ammunition, and other hunting equipment, including antiques and collectibles. Food concessions. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Admission \$3 (members, \$1). (810) 227-1637.

Work Day: Nichols Arboretum. All invited to join this monthly outing to combat invasive shrubs in an ongoing effort to restore savanna-like conditions around the Arb's Dow Field prairie. Concludes with a discussion of prairie ecosystems and restoration techniques. Bring clippers and work gloves. Held rain or shine. 9 a.m.-noon, meet at the bench on the western end of the prairie. Free. 998-9540.

"Mystery Rocks": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 5 Saturday. 10-11 a.m., AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall, 2713 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 996-3180.

"Children's Winter Discovery Walk": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike to look for and talk about winter insects, animal homes, and winter wildflowers. 1 p.m., County Farm Park, (meet in Platt Rd. lot), 220 Platt at Washtenaw. Free. 971-6337.

"Origami Fun!": Ann Arbor District Library. A local origami expert presents a family-oriented workshop introducing the ancient, elegant Japanese art of paper folding. Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult to assist them. Supplies provided. 2-4 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 327-8301.

Victorian Valentine Tea: Kempf House Center for Local History (Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival). February 12 & 13. An elegant, traditional tea served on the Kempf House's antique silver service. Period attire welcome. The house is decorated throughout with Victorian valentines and features an exhibit of Victorian dolls. This popular annual event usually sells out in advance. 2 & 4 p.m., Kempf House, 312 S. Division. \$15. Reservations required. 994-4898.

"Buhrrr Fest": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. Public skating, a bonfire with all the ingredients to make s'mores (a confection of graham crackers, chocolate bars, and marshmallows), door prizes, and more. Special events include T-shirt designing (bring your own T-shirt), an ice cream eating contest, ice navigating with orienteering compasses, "Antarctic Octopus Tag," and broomball, a variant of ice hockey (helmets required, some provided). 2:30-4:30 p.m., Buhr Park Ice Rink, 2751 Packard Rd. \$3 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, \$2.50). 971-3228.

Sarah Zettel: Traver Village Nicola's Books. This popular, prize-winning local science fiction author discusses *Quiet Invasion*, her new novel about a conflict of interests over the development of Venus that threatens to turn into war. 3 p.m., Nicola's Books, Traver Village Shopping Center, 2607 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662-4110.

"11th Annual Burns Supper": Scottish Association of Southeast Michigan. This annual celebration of the renowned Scottish poet features the traditional "toast to the haggis" (a Scottish sausage), country

and Highland dance performances, bagpipe music, singing, poetry recitations, and more. Dinner features traditional Scottish fare and a vegetarian alternative. Highland attire encouraged but not required. Cash bar. Free child care available (reservations required). A portion of the proceeds goes to provide scholarships to a Scottish arts camp for area youths. 6 p.m., Best Western Executive Plaza, 2900 Jackson Rd. \$25. Reservations required by February 7. 973-1828.

"Owl Prowl": Leslie Science Center (Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival). Howell Nature Center and Leslie Science Center staff members present a program that includes hikes, owl calling, presentations with live owls, a campfire, and games. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$5 (families, \$20). 662-7802.

***U-M Wrestling vs. Indiana.** 7 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, Hoover at S. State. Free. 764-0247.

U-M Ice Hockey vs. WMU. See 11 Friday. 7 p.m.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 4 Friday. Today: Team USA Under-17 vs. Rochester (New York) of the North American Hockey League. 7 p.m.

***"Genital Mutilation Here & Now":** Common Language Bookstore. Talk by Cheryl Chase of the Intersex Society of North America, a peer support, education, and advocacy group founded and operated by and for individuals born with an atypical sexual anatomy. 7 p.m., Common Language, 215 S. Fourth Ave. Free. 663-0036.

"B's Birthday Bounce": Kerrytown Concert House. A popular annual tradition in which Ann Arbor's world-renowned blues pianist Mark "Mr. B" Braun celebrates his birthday month. An exuberant, powerful performer whose repertoire includes both boogie-woogie and blues classics and originals in the same mold, Mr. B has performed and recorded with world-class artists such as the late drummer J. C. Heard and Detroit percussionist Roy Brooks. Tonight's concert is a solo performance. 7 & 9 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$10, \$15, & \$25. Reservations suggested. 769-2999.

Paul Tinkerhess: Ann Arbor Friends Meeting. Performance by the owner of Fourth Avenue Birkenstock, who describes himself as a "singer-songwriter in the Pete Seeger tradition." Also, sing-alongs. Proceeds to benefit the Friends Meetinghouse wheelchair access project. 7:30 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Donation. 761-7435.

***"Dusa, Fish, Stas, and Vi":** U-M Basement Arts Theater. See 10 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

"Valentine Skate": Ann Arbor Parks Department Winter Carnival. All ages invited to skate to rock 'n' roll records played by a DJ. 8-9:30 p.m., Veterans Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Rd. \$4.25 (youths age 17 & over and seniors age 60 & over, \$3.50). Skate rentals available (\$2). 761-7240.

"Ballroom Dancing Night": Pittsfield Township Parks & Recreation Department. Ballroom dancing to recorded music from the 40s through the 80s. Preceded at 7 p.m. by an intro to basic dance steps and ballroom dancing styles by Sue Baries, Washtenaw County's best-known ballroom dance instructor. Singles and couples invited. Refreshments. 8-10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Recreation Hall, S. State at Ellsworth. \$3. 996-3056.

"Valentine's Ragtime Trot": Grand Traditions Vintage Dance Academy. The romantic event of the season. Come with a Valentine or meet a new one, and enjoy dancing to lively ragtime music by the Huron Valley Serenaders. Vintage attire encouraged but not required. Dancers of all abilities welcome. Also, pre-ball workshop (free for those attending the ball) in "Tango Survival Basics," 12:30-2 p.m. 8-11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange Hall, Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor (1/2 mile south of I-94 exit 175). \$25 (\$40 per couple). Preregistration required. 429-0014.

Anne-Sophie Mutter: University Musical Society. One of the most acclaimed violinists performing today, the German-born Mutter makes her first Ann Arbor appearance in five years, for a performance that's part of her year 2000 exploration of 20th-century violin music. The *Boston Globe* says Mutter's playing is "on an almost unimaginably high level of technical ease, power, and glamour," and the *San Francisco Examiner* compares it to "the way a master goldsmith might fashion priceless jewelry." Tonight's program ranges from Arvo Part's serene, penetrating *Fratres* to Bartok's exuberantly unchecked Sonata no. 2. Also, works by Webern and Respighi and Ravel's brilliant, gypsy music-inflected romp, the *Tzigane*. Pianist is Lambert Orkis. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$20-\$55 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

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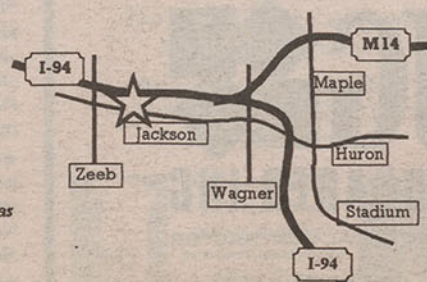
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cluding Aimee McDonald, Christina Sears-Etter, Melissa Francis, and others TBA. 8 p.m., *Dance Gallery Studio*, 111 Third St. \$5 at the door only. 747-9573.

“Dames at Sea”: EMU Theater Department. See 4 Friday. 8 p.m.

“All in the Timing”: P.T.D. Productions. See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

“4th Annual Benefit Cabaret”: Ann Arbor Civic Theater. See 11 Friday. 8 p.m.

“Bastien and Bastienne” and “The Medium”: EMU Music Department “Opera Nights.” See 11 Friday. 8 p.m.

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FILMS

Cinema Guild. “Ugetsu Monogatari (Tales of a Pale and Mysterious Moon after the Rain)” (Kenji Mizoguchi, 1953). Enchanting, eerie tale, set in 16th-century Japan, of two peasant men who seek their fortune in the city, one as a wealthy man and the other as a samurai. Based on two traditional ghost stories. Japanese, subtitles. \$4 (both films, \$5). 647-8434. U-M Natural Science auditorium, 830 North University, 7 p.m. “Biruma No Tategoto” (The Burmese Harp) (Kon Ichikawa, 1956). Affecting antiwar story about a Japanese private who undergoes a spiritual crisis and becomes obsessed with staying in Burma to bury WWII casualties. Japanese, subtitles. \$4 (both films, \$5). 647-8434. Nat. Sci., 8:45 p.m. Michigan Theater Foundation. “La Commare Secca (The Grim Reaper)” (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1962). Today only. A prostitute’s death in a Roman park sparks a police interrogation of suspects, one of whom is the killer. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 5 p.m. “All about My Mother” (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:15 p.m.

13 SUNDAY

★“Winter Swamp Crossing”: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WCPARC’s adventurous naturalist Matt Heumann leads an exploration of this frozen swamp in search of dens, tracks, and ice crystals to examine and talk about. Includes stooping, bushwhacking, and poison sumac. Wear warm waterproof boots. 10 a.m., Park Lyndon North, North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971-6337.

“Delicious Cooking to Respect and Cherish All Life” Study Group: Zen Buddhist Temple. All invited to join Zen Buddhist Temple member Toni Morales to prepare and eat a vegetarian meal and discuss vegetarian soups. 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. \$10 includes meal. 761-6520.

Monthly Gathering: Second Sunday Schmoozers. All Jewish singles invited to meet new friends over brunch. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sweet Lorraine’s restaurant, 303 Detroit St. Free (pay for your own food). 973-8699.

“Life of the Buddha” Study Group: Zen Buddhist Temple. All invited to join a discussion led by Zen Buddhist Temple dharma student Joe Lukomski. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard at Wells. \$5 includes soup. 761-6520.

U-M Men’s Basketball vs. Indiana. 1 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$12 & \$15. 764-0247.

Kids’ Open Mike: Oz’s Music. Kids of all ages and all musical abilities are invited to play, sing, or just observe. 1 p.m., Oz’s Music Environment, 1920 Packard. Minimum donation: 25¢. Call ahead to reserve a space. 662-8283.

★Open House: Ann Arbor Open. All invited to learn about this local public alternative elementary school, tour the building, and obtain enrollment information. 2-4 p.m., Ann Arbor Open (in the former Mack School), 920 Miller. Free. 994-1910.

★Monthly Meeting: Friends of Four-Hand Piano. Pianists of all abilities invited to bring their music for a casual afternoon of performing duets. An opportunity to meet other pianists and find partners for 4-

hand and 2-piano music. Listeners welcome. 2 p.m., location TBA. Free. 663-3942, 769-2105.

★“Travels in Borneo”: Ann Arbor Orchid Society. Club member Jack Shumaker discusses the many exquisite wild orchids found in this lush equatorial country. 2 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 930-1543.

★Shape Note Singing: The Ark/Ann Arbor Sacred Harp. All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, a form of communal hymn singing that has its roots in colonial America. Songbooks available, but singers are encouraged to bring their own. 2-5 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 747-9644, 761-1451.

★“Michigan’s Klingendes Wunder (Wonderful Sound)”: U-M Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments. Lecture and Bach recital by U-M organ professor Marilyn Mason, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Marilyn Mason Organ, a historic copy of a Silbermann organ. 2 p.m., U-M School Organ Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 2 p.m.

“Colored People’s Time”: U-M Theater Department. See 10 Thursday. 2 p.m.

“Once upon a Mattress”: Huron High Players. See 11 Friday. 3 p.m.

★“Crazy Bones Play and Trade”: Learning Express. February 13 & 27. All kids invited to play this popular game that is played with collectible plastic pieces, irregularly shaped, that depict various cartoonlike characters. It is a recent revival of an ancient Greek game played with sheep knuckles. Kids are also welcome to bring in pieces to trade. 3-5 p.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 997-0707.

★“Putting Together a Local History Book”: Pittsfield Township Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Talk by visiting speaker Ed Wall. 3 p.m., Pittsfield Administration Bldg., 6201 W. Michigan Ave. Free. 429-4517.

★“Introduction to Hearthwitchery”: The Seeker Journal. February 13 & 27. A chance for beginners or those who haven’t chosen a specific pagan tradition to learn about hearth witchery, which uses herbs, stones, candles, trees, the earth, and general magick. Today: “The Ethical Considerations of Magick.” Also this month: “How to Design a Simple Ritual” (February 27). Refreshments. 3 p.m., ICC Education Center, 1522 Hill St. (in the carriage house behind the co-op buildings). Free. 665-3522.

★“Harold Lloyd Show (For Valentine’s Day)”: Ann Arbor Silent Film Society. See review, p. 63. First feature: *Girl Shy* (Fred Newmeyer & Sam Taylor, 1924) stars Lloyd as a stuttering, girl-shy tailor’s apprentice who nonetheless has written a book, *The Secret of Making Love*. The film features a terrific race sequence and delightful scenes of Lloyd’s fantasy love life. Second feature: *Safety Last* (Fred Newmeyer & Sam Taylor, 1923) stars Lloyd as a young man determined to win his fortune by climbing a skyscraper. The climb, at once thrilling and hilarious, includes the famous scene of Lloyd—who did not use a double—dangling from the hand of a clock. Also *I’m on My Way*, a 1919 Lloyd short about a man who has second thoughts on his way to the altar. 3 p.m., Michigan Theater screening room. \$4. 677-1359, 668-8480.

★“Facets of Love”: Arbor Opera Theater. Artistic director James Berg leads this new local opera company in a concert of romantic operatic arias and favorite love songs. The program includes “My Funny Valentine,” the quartet from Verdi’s *Rigoletto*, and several arias from Franz Lehar’s *The Merry Widow*, including “I Love You So,” which is sung by the entire company. Piano accompanist is Sachiko Hyashi. Followed by a Victorian-style tea. The AOT plans a full-scale production of *Lucia di Lammermoor* next September at Huron High School. 3 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt. \$25 (couples, \$40) in advance and at the door. 332-9063.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 4 Friday. Today: Team USA Under-17 vs. Rochester (New York) of the North American Hockey League. 3 p.m.

U-M Women’s Basketball vs. Indiana. 4 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$5 (youths under 14 & seniors, \$3; U-M students with ID, free). 764-0247.

★“Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan”: First Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian Church music director Susan Wilburn conducts the church’s chancel choir in a performance of this historic Scottish service that dates back 250 years to the era of English rule in Scotland, when wearing of the tartan, speaking Gaelic, and playing the pipes were all prohibited. One day each year was dedicated to the blessing of the pieces of tartan secretly retained by the people. The service,

which also celebrates the Scottish roots of Presbyterianism, includes performance of anthems by the church choir, congregational singing of hymns from the Scottish psalter, playing of bagpipes by the color guard of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, and the traditional blessing of the tartans. 4 p.m., *First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662-4466.*

★**Symphony Band and Gospel Choir: U-M School of Music.** H. Roberts Reynolds conducts these U-M student ensembles in a program including "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus," "When I See Your Glorious Face," and other gospel songs. 4 p.m., *Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.*

★**Arianna String Quartet: EMU Music Department.** The 1994 grand prize winner at the prestigious Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, the Arianna, now in its 4th year at EMU as quartet-in-residence, is regarded as one of the country's finest young string quartets. The program includes a Haydn quartet, Puccini's *Crisantemi*, and Schoenberg's Quintet no. 2 for String Quartet and Soprano. Guest soprano is EMU music professor Glenda Kirkland. 4 p.m., *Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.*

★**"Booked for Murder": Westgate Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss *My Body Lies over the Ocean*, Jay Borthwick's story about dark doings on the maiden voyage of the *Queen Victoria*, and *Death on the Nile*, Agatha Christie's classic tale about an idyllic cruise marred by a newlywed's murder. 5-6 p.m., *Nicola's, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 769-2149.*

Dance Ensemble of Michigan. Studio 1 director TeDee Theofill directs this independent local ensemble of 40 young dancers in a program highlighted by new and repertory jazz-based dances exploring the fusion of jazz and worldbeat. 7 p.m., *Power Center. Tickets \$12 in advance at Studio 1 (220 S. Main) and at the door. 995-1747.*

★**Open House: Ann Arbor Girls Middle School.** All invited to learn about this new private middle school for girls. Also, talks by congresswoman Lynn Rivers and others TBA. 7 p.m., *Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free admission. Wheelchair-accessible. 663-3798.*

The Limelights: The Ark. Founded in 1959, this vocal harmony trio was one of the original popularizers of folk music, performing mostly folk-style contemporary songs and folk parodies, including such hits as "Have Some Madeira, M'Dear" and "Malaguena Salerosa." The current lineup includes founding member Alex Hasilev and two newcomers, Rick Dougherty and Bill Zorn. Their concert repertoire blends their hits with contemporary satires. 7:30 p.m., *The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$17.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.*

★**Faculty Recital: U-M School of Music.** Concert by U-M music faculty, including hornist Soren Hermansson, oboist Harry Sargous, violinist Paul Kantor, and pianist Anton Nel. Program: Robert Kahn's *Serenade*, Carl Reinecke's *Trio* (op. 188), and Brahms's *Horn Trio* (op. 40). 8 p.m., *U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.*

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir: University Musical Society. Tonu Kaljuste leads this acclaimed Estonian chorus in contemporary Estonian composer Arvo Part's *Kanon Pokajanon (Canon of Repentance)*. Known for its exquisite, ethereal sound, the choir specializes in Part's choral music, which blends techniques from Gregorian chant, 12th-century polyphony, and Russian Orthodox church music with modern harmonic and melodic elements. The result is an austere yet ethereal, richly spiritual sound that has wide appeal, attracting listeners ranging from the scholarly to the hip. The 1995 *Kanon* is Part's musical setting of the Orthodox Church's morning liturgy celebrating the coming of Christ. 8 p.m., *St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd. Tickets \$25 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.*

★**"All in the Timing": P.T.D. Productions.** See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

FILMS

Ann Arbor Silent Film Society. "Harold Lloyd Show." See Events listing above. Mich., 3 p.m. **Michigan Theater Foundation.** "American Movie" (Chris Smith, 1999). February 13, 14, & 16-19. Original, funny, critically acclaimed warts-and-all documentary of an average-guy filmmaker making a low-budget horror flick. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 6 & 8:15 p.m. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 3:30, 5:45, & 8 p.m.

14 MONDAY

★**"Valentine Party": Northeast Senior Center.** All seniors invited to a party with lunch, games, music by the Washtenaw Seniors Sing-Along Chorus and dancing by the Northeast Seniors Tap Dancers. 11 a.m., *Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free, but donations accepted. Reservations requested. 996-0070.*

★**"Children and Mental Health": Ann Arbor Area League of Women Voters.** Talk by state representative Liz Brater, an Ann Arbor Democrat. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., *Ann Arbor Airport Terminal conference room, 801 Airport Dr., Free. 665-5808.*

★**"The Mountains and the Stars": U-M Center for Near Eastern Studies.** U-M ancient Near Eastern civilizations professor (and Observer jazz reviewer) Piotr Michalowski discusses 4,500-year-old Syrian place names and what they reveal about ancient Syrian culture and mythology. 4 p.m., *3050 Frieze, 105 S. State. Free. 764-0314.*

★**"Parents Night Out": Gymboree.** Children 8 months to 4 years old are invited to make an art project, enjoy pizza, and play on Gymboree's play gym. Supervision provided. 5:30-9 p.m., *Gymboree, 3660 Plaza Dr. (south off Eisenhower west of State St.). \$20 (members, \$15). 214-3770.*

★**Working Writers Group.** February 14 & 28. All invited to join a discussion with members of this group, which provides support and critiques for writers interested in publishing their poetry, fiction, or nonfiction. Observers welcome. 7-9 p.m., *3660 Windemere. Free. For information, call 213-1023.*

★**"Buying a Home Without Losing Your Shirt": The Buyer's Agent.** Real estate professionals lead a discussion on first-time home buying, including the search process, negotiation, mortgages, and closings. 7-8:30 p.m., *The Buyer's Agent, 1900 W. Stadium. Free. Preregistration required. 662-6240.*

★**Biweekly Meeting: U-M Student Greens.** February 14 & 28. Today's program is a discussion of Greens philosophy. Also this month: planning meeting for current Greens projects (February 28). 7-8:30 p.m., *Michigan League downstairs food area (Feb. 14) & Michigan League room TBA (Feb. 28). Free. 663-3555.*

★**"The Buffalo Soldiers": Ann Arbor Area Civil War Round Table.** U-M student legal services director and club member Doug Lewis discusses these African American cavalry and infantry soldiers. Serving in the postbellum peacetime army out west, these soldiers explored and mapped vast territories, strung hundreds of miles of telegraph lines, and fought hostile outlaws, Mexican revolutionaries, and Native Americans. 7 p.m., *St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off Huron River Dr.), Superior Twp. Free. 930-0617.*

★**Robert Owen Butler: Liberty Borders.** This Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist reads from *Mister Spaceman*, his droll, inventive, mischievous story of an alien's attempts to understand the baffling human race. The spaceman—nicknamed Desi by his adoring human wife—kidnaps for study a tour bus full of casino-bound vacationers. Also, signing. 7 p.m., *Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.*

★**"The Unique Case of Secular Democracy in the Middle East: Problems and Prospects of Democratic Politics in Turkey": U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies.** Talk by Bogazici University (Istanbul) political science professor Ilkay Sunar. 7:30 p.m., *1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0350.*

Insight Meditation (Vipassana) Sitting Group: Deep Spring Center. All invited to join a sitting group for meditation focusing on the breath. While the practice stems from the earliest and purest Buddhist teachings, this form of meditation requires no religious beliefs. Bring a cushion to sit on; chairs available. Beginning instruction (reservations required) available at 7 p.m. 7:30-9:15 p.m., *Ann Arbor Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Donation. \$3 donation to help defray cost of using the building. For information, call Hal at 971-3455.*

★**Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Stamp Club.** All invited to a "bourse," where members trade or sell thousands of stamps with the public and each other. 7:30 p.m., *Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 662-6566.*

★**"Crime and Punishment": U-M Alva Gordon Sink Alumnae Group.** Talk by Washtenaw County circuit judge Melinda Morris. Guests and prospective members welcome. 7:30 p.m., *1612 Morton. Free. 662-9492.*

★**"Mental Illness and Spirituality": Washtenaw County Alliance for the Mentally Ill.** Talk by Episcopalian minister Joseph Summers and AMI board member Natasha Verhage. 7:30-9:30 p.m., *Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309*

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EVENTS continued

galleries

Art by Michigan Prisoners The 5th annual exhibition

None of the more than 100 artists exhibiting at Rackham's February show will attend the reception. However, many of the prison artists look forward to the exhibit all year. One says, "It gives us all a sense of self-worth through our sales. Occupies our time in a constructive rather than destructive way. Helps lessen the burden on our families with the sale of the art. But most important, it helps us to grow in prison rather than just stagnate."

Collected from nearly every prison in the state, the 200 paintings, drawings, collages, and mixed-media works on display are predominantly landscapes, portraits, and fantasy scenes. Although all of the artists could paint or draw the most readily available subject—the prison itself—none of them does. This absence reveals one function of prison art: as exhibit organizer Janie Paul says, "It's a way to see what they can't see."

Brent Harding's watercolor *November Remembered* shows a field and farmhouse in autumn. The work combines a skillful use of watercolor techniques such as washes with a mastery of different brush lines and textures. The result is a professional-quality work evoking a late fall mood of brown melancholy.



Virgil Williams III's three-dimensional portrait *Tarbaby's Obsession* (above) resembles a polished wood sculpture. Built of layers of cardboard and glue, with shoe polish, yarn hair, and inked designs, it shows a nude apparently lost in thought. It's an example of

the prolonged, painstaking care evident in many works, which shows another function of prison art: escape. Prison artists concentrating on a work are "transported out of where they are," says Paul.

Maurice Scott's fantasy oil painting *Night Dreams about My Muse* shows a sleeping man beneath a figure covered with eyes, like the mythical guard Argus. The figure suggests vigilant protection or an unblinking perception. Oil paintings are rare in prison art, because the cleaning solvents are toxic and often banned by prison administration.

Other works include Lee Nakoneczny's large tooled-leather plaque *The Last Supper*, Roger Williams's huge, detailed poster of Malcolm X (drawn from a postage stamp), and Grant Glover's meticulous drawing of Atlantis. Many of these works come from workshops organized in ten prisons by U-M art professors Ann Savageau and Janie Paul and English professor Buzz Alexander.

The organizers view the art's main function as a means of instilling self-esteem that will help the released prisoner succeed "outside." One prisoner says, "The money for selling the drawing really helped, but you can't put a price on the encouragement. Finding acceptance from society in any way helps me believe that society is going to allow me to make it when I get out." The exhibit is at Rackham February 8-23. —Laura Bien

New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor Art Center. *The Print* (February 24–April 8). 994-8004.

Ann Arbor District Library. *Fractured Forms* by Barbara Anderson; *Art Quilt Blocks* by Jill Ault; *African American Education*; *Moving Rocks!* (February 1–26). 327-4510.

EMU Ford Gallery. *Snippets: Three Women Consider the Body* (February 1–25). See 1 Tuesday. 487-1268.

Gallery 212. *Saving Grace* (February 18–March 12). See 18 Friday. 665-8224.

Intermedia Gallery. Works by Tina Knop and Ty Sawyer (February 13–26). 528-3933.

Kerrytown Concert House. *Watercolors* by Sam Knecht. (February 1–29). 769-2999.

Michigan Guild. Works by Washtenaw County High School Students (February 1–25). See 4 Friday. 662-3382.

Originations. Works by Charles Bibbs (February 21–29). 662-9197.

Randy Parrish Fine Framing & Art. Art by Billy Brown (February 1–March 4). 761-8253.

U-M Media Union. *Immedia* (February 15–29). See 15 Tuesday. 647-5275.

U-M Michigan League. *Black and White Photos* by Tom McClanahan (February 5–March 3). 763-4652.

U-M Pierpont Commons. *Shades of Us: Student Artwork* (February 1–12). Work by Michelle Barnes (February 14–March 3). 764-7544.

U-M Power Center for the Performing Arts. *Landscapes* by Fran Wolok (February 1–23). 763-3333.

U-M Residential College/East Quad Art Gallery. *Looking Out, Looking In* (February 11–March 12). See 11 Friday. 763-0176.

U-M Rackham Galleries. Art by Michigan Prisoners (February 8–23). See 8 Tuesday and review, above. 998-6270.

U-M Slusser Gallery. *Annual Architecture Program Student Exhibition* (February 4–23). 763-4417.

U-M Special Collections Library. *Judaic Journeys* (February 7–April 29). 764-9377.

Warren Robbins Center (U-M School of Art). *Metals 2000* (February 11–March 6). See 11 Friday. 764-0397.

Washington Street Gallery. *Small Works* (February 8–April 1). 761-2287.

For a complete listing of local galleries, see the 1999–2000 Ann Arbor Observer City Guide or www.arborweb.com.

Packard. Free. For information about tonight's program or about support groups for siblings and other relatives of the mentally ill, call 994-6611.

★"Health and Chiropractic": Network Chiropractic Center. February 14 & 28. A series of talks by local chiropractor Rob Koliner. Tonight: "Chiropractic's Role in Your Health Care Plan." Also this month: "Health Care in the U.S.A." (February 28). 8 p.m., Network Chiropractic, 1210 N. Maple Rd. at Miller. Free, but reservations requested. 761-5908.

★Writers Series: Guild House. Readings by Mike Webster, who's described as an "occult philosopher of the underbelly of pop and strange," and Steve Pierson-Smith, who writes haiku. 8 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 995-1956, 662-5189.

Guest Recital: U-M School of Music. Guest musician Kelly O'Bryant performs selections from the tuba repertoire. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Prima della Rivoluzione (Before the Revolution)" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1964). Today only. Early Bertolucci film about a young political revolutionary tangled in a tortured relationship with his aunt. Italian, subtitles. Part

of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 7 p.m. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 6:45 & 9 p.m. "American Movie" (Chris Smith, 1999). See 13 Sunday. Mich., 9:20 p.m.

15 TUESDAY

★"Coyote Medicine: Lessons for Healing from Native America": U-M Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research Center. University of Pittsburgh medical school family practice professor Lewis Mehl-Madrona discusses Native American healing techniques. Followed by a training session (2–5 p.m., preregistration required). All invited. Noon, Maternal/Child Health Center auditorium, U-M Hospital Bldg., 1500 E. Medical Ctr. Dr. Free. 998-7715.

★"Political Ideologies and Historiographical Trends in Iran Today": U-M Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Talk by University of Rome Oriental studies professor Bianca Maria Scarcia Amoretti. 4 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0350.

★"Depression vs. the Blues": Chelsea Community Hospital. Physician Susan Maixner and nurse Helen Kelley discuss the difference between clinical de-

pression and "feeling down in the dumps." 4 p.m., Chelsea Community Hospital garden room, 775 S. Main, Chelsea. (Take I-94 west to exit 159; turn left at the light.) Free. Preregistration required. 475-4103.

★"Topics in International Law": U-M Center for International and Comparative Law. February 15 & 22. Talks by visiting scholars on controversial issues in international law. Today: Tel Aviv University law professor Oren Gross on "Separation vs. Integration: The Economic Aspects of the Israeli-Palestinian Permanent Status Agreement." Also this month: Florida State University law professor Frank Garcia on "Problems in the Moral Theory of International Trade Law" (February 22). Refreshments. 4–5:30 p.m., 116 Hutchins Hall, 625 S. State. Free. 764-0535.

★"An Overview of Software Configuration Management": Ann Arbor Software Quality Professionals. Talk by Bosch software engineer Tony Slawinski. 6:30–7:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 996-2482.

★"Brewed in Detroit": Arborland Borders Books and Music. Former Stroh's Brewing Company archivist Peter Blum signs copies of his history of Detroit-area breweries, from the huge Stroh's and smaller breweries in towns like Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti to contemporary microbreweries. 7 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**"Huron-Manistee National Forest Old Growth Proposals": Sierra Club Monthly Meeting.** Talk by Michigan Forest Activists' Network program director Ann Woiwode. All welcome. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 480-7751.

★**Science Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to discuss *Blue Light*, mystery writer Walter Mosley's sci-fi debut, an allegorical tale about a group of northern Californians who take on superhuman abilities when they are zapped by flashes of extraterrestrial blue light. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**"Careless Love: The Unmaking of Elvis Presley": Liberty Borders.** See review, p. 69. Musicologist Peter Guralnick discusses this second volume of what *New York Times* critic Gerald Marzorati calls "simply the finest rock-and-roll biography ever written." Beginning where *Last Train to Memphis* ended, *Careless Love* traces Elvis's career from his army days until his death. 7:30 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

Moxy Fruvous: Prism Productions. This folk-rock quartet from Ontario is known for its theatrical flair, adventurous vocal arrangements, and sharp satiric edge. "Imagine a combination of barbershop, doo-wop, R.E.M., and Billy Bragg," suggests *Folk Roots* magazine. 7:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$19 & \$24 in advance at SKR Pop & Rock, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★**University Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Choir: U-M School of Music.** Kenneth Kiesler conducts these U-M student ensembles in a program featuring Verdi's *Requiem*. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

Triakel: The Ark. Traditional Swedish folk songs by this acoustic trio led by the strikingly expressive vocals of Emma Hardelin, the leader of the Swedish folk-rock band Garmana, and featuring two members of the Swedish hard-rock band Hoven Drogen, fiddler Kjell-Erik Eriksson and harmonium player Janne Stromstedt. The band's acclaimed 1998 debut CD is a collection of dark tales about murder, mayhem, and unrequited love—often set to bright, cheery tunes—that has been praised for its musical verve and emotional freshness. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. Screening room films and times TBA. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480.

16 WEDNESDAY

"The Morning Edition": **Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce.** This popular monthly program features a buffet breakfast and a series of 5-minute updates from local business and community leaders. Speakers and topics: U-M government relations vice president Cynthia Wilbanks on "Key Business Issues in the Upcoming Presidential Election," Eiler Communications president Larry Eiler on "Ann Arbor vs. Silicon Valley: Is It a Fair Fight?" Norton's Flowers, Cards & Gifts owner Dennis Norton on "How to Grow a Large Corporation from Scattered Seeds," local Salvation Army social service director Dale Warty on "Marching into the Midst of Shelter Providers for the Homeless," and a *Car and Driver* magazine representative TBA on "Revving-up for a New Millennium of Automobiles." Also Chamber of Commerce governmental affairs vice president Martha Johnson reads the chamber policy statement on the Living Wage and reports on the current status of council deliberations on this issue. The program is videotaped for showing on cable channel 9 or 17. 7-8:45 a.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. \$25 (members, \$15). Preregistration requested. 214-0104.

★**Ann Arbor Senior Computer Club: University Assisted Living Community.** All seniors 60 and older invited to share and learn computer tips and techniques with each other. Today's topics TBA. 2-4 p.m., Frontier Multimedia, 3518 W. Liberty. Free. Preregistration required. 669-3030.

★**"Planning for Personal Autonomy": Alzheimer's Association.** Local social workers Barbara Zaret and Carrie Lengyel discuss financial planning, Medicaid, and Medicare for those with relatives with Alzheimer's disease. 2-4 p.m., Alzheimer's Association, 3810 Packard Rd., Suite 240. Free, but preregistration requested. 677-3081, (800) 337-3827.

Monthly Meeting: Association for Women in Computing. Women involved in computing fields professionally or as a hobby invited to discuss and

share tips about a wide range of computer skills. 6:30 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington. Free (pay for your own meal). 439-7463.

★**Monthly Meeting: Huron River Watershed Council.** All invited to a discussion by council board members of current HRWC programs. 7-9 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 769-5123.

★**"All about Deer Hair": Trout Unlimited.** Talk by the 1992 World Fly-Tying Competition winner Chris Helm, who bristles with ideas for tying deer hair onto fish lures. 7 p.m., Community High School, 401 N. Division. Free. 665-3321.

★**"John Biggers: Yoruba and Ashanti Iconography and Traditions": EMU Art Department.** Talk by University of Toledo art professor David Guip. 7:30 p.m., 107 Ford Hall, EMU campus, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-1268.

★**"History of the Ann Arbor Railroad": Saline Area Historical Society Monthly Meeting.** Talk by Ann Arbor Railroad Historical Society president Dave Harrell. 7:30 p.m., Depot Museum, 402 N. Ann Arbor Street, Saline. Free, but donations accepted. 769-2219, 429-9621.

★**Monthly Meeting: Washtenaw Audubon Society.** Speaker and topic TBA. All invited. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 994-6287.

★**Open Mike Poetry Night: Barnes & Noble.** All poets invited to bring samples of their work for the group to critique. Hosted by local poet Lawrence Thomas. 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library.** See 4 Friday. Today: *Coffee Will Make You Black*, April Sinclair's coming-of-age novel about a black girl growing up in 1960s Chicago. 7:30-8:30, AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Preregistration required. 327-4282.

Murray Perahia: University Musical Society. Regarded as one of the best pianists of his generation, Perahia performs his first Ann Arbor concert since 1994, a solo recital of works by J. S. Bach to honor the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. Sidelined for much of the 90s by a paper cut that eventually crippled his right thumb, Perahia returned with his skills undimmed to win critical acclaim for his warm, luminous performances of Baroque, Classical, and Romantic works. "In his hands, any piano will take on a glow," notes a *Boston Globe* reviewer. Tonight's program includes the *Goldberg Variations* and Busoni transcriptions of 4 Bach chorale preludes. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$16-\$55 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

Junior Brown: The Ark. This acclaimed honky-tonk singer-songwriter from Austin, Texas, plays 6-string and steel guitar, as well as his own guitar hybrid, the "guit-steel." A longtime cult favorite who first gained the attention of mainstream country fans with his 1996 novelty hit "My Wife Thinks You're Dead," Brown sings in a pleasantly resonant baritone that suggests a somewhat grittier and slier Ernest Tubb, and his original songs are known for a lyrical wit and cleverness that's almost as dazzling as his guitar work. According to critic Paul Davies, Brown's latest CD, *Long Walk Back*, "mixes traditional country, blues, rockabilly and swing in a riveting quirky cocktail which is rattled out on the frenetic finger-picking steel and acoustic guitar and the tumbleweed and tombstone vocals." A big local favorite. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$22.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "The Conformist" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1970). Today only. Suspenseful, intricate, visually stunning story of a secret police assassin hesitating to complete his assignment of murder. Italian & French, subtitles. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 9 p.m. "American Movie" (Chris Smith, 1999). See 13 Sunday. Mich., 6:50 p.m. "All about My Mother" (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:15 p.m. U-M Michigan League. "Shakespeare in Love" (John Madden, 1998). Video showing of this romantic comedy about a youthful Shakespeare. FREE. League Koessler Room, 911 North University, 8 p.m.

17 THURSDAY

★**"Shall We Dance?": International Neighbors.** Chair dancing and other dance exercises, set to recorded ethnic music from around the world, led by veteran local aerobic instructor Maria Farquhar. International Neighbors is a 40-year-old group of local



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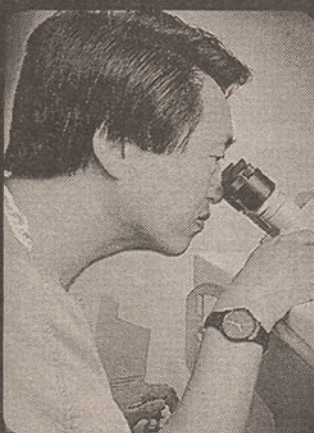
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women organized to welcome women from other countries during their stays in Ann Arbor. Its membership currently includes some 900 women from 80 countries. Nursery care provided for preschoolers. 9:30-11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church Piper Hall, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 429-3617, 995-3819.

"Searching the World Wide Web": Ann Arbor District Library. A hands-on introduction to web search and metasearch engines and subject directories. Open to all AADL cardholders. 9:30 a.m., AADL training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. \$5. Preregistration required. 327-4550.

"Native Art": U-M Turner Geriatric Services Learning in Retirement Program. First in a series of 5 weekly lectures by different speakers. Open to anyone age 55 & older. Today: U-M art professor emeritus John Stephenson and EMU art professor Susanne Stephenson discuss "Look Beyond the Rim of Your Porcelain Teacup." Also in the series: sculptor and U-M anthropology professor Steve Postner on "Art from the Anthropological Imagination" (February 24), U-M art history visiting professor Dana Rush on "Vodun Vortex: Centuries of Accumulation in the Vodun Arts of Coastal Benin, West Africa" (March 9), U-M anthropology professor Crisca Bierwert on "Sparkling Eyes: Visual Play and Irony in Recent Native American Art" (March 16), and U-M art history professor Walter Spink on "Ajanta: The Caves of Indra's Crown" (March 23). 10-11:30 a.m., Kellogg Eye Center auditorium, 1000 Wall St. \$30 (LIR members, \$25) for the 6-lecture series. 764-2556.

"Secrets and Clues in Creative Teaching": Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild. Lecture and keyboard demonstration by U-M music professor Katherine Collier. 10 a.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 665-5346.

"Coming to America": Wild Swan Theater. February 17-19. This award-winning local children's theater presents its original production about four immigrant children from Russia, Lebanon, the Dominican Republic, and Vietnam. After arriving in America, their individual stories are slowly woven together. As with all Wild Swan performances, the show is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage tours are available by prearrangement for blind and visually impaired audience members. Recommended for children from kindergarten through 5th grade age. The play's music was composed by Gemini, the popular acoustic duo of twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits. Cast: Sandy Ryder, Michelle Lanzi, Antonio Ramirez, and Alonzo Luzod. 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$8 (\$6 children 12 and under) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS. To arrange audio description or backstage tours, call 995-0530.

Open House: U-M Detroit Observatory. All invited to take a self-guided tour (brochures available) of the photographs and artifacts in this newly restored museum, one of the few sites in the nation with 1850s telescopes in their original mounts, including an 1857 16' refracting telescope and an 1854 "meridian circle" telescope, the oldest such instrument in the world. Not recommended for children under age 10. 1-4 p.m., U-M Detroit Observatory meeting room, 1398 East Ann St. at Observatory St. \$5 suggested donation. 763-2230.

"Prague Territories: National Conflict and Cultural Innovation in Kafka's Fin de Siecle": Shaman Drum Bookshop Publication Party. U-M history and Germanic languages and literatures professor Scott Spector is on hand to sign copies of his recently published book. Refreshments. 4-6 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

Monthly Meeting: New Enterprise Forum. Talks on entrepreneurial issues by guest speakers, showcase presentations by emerging companies, and an open forum in which entrepreneurs can introduce themselves and solicit help for their business needs. This month's speaker TBA. All invited. 5 p.m. (registration), 5:30 p.m. (meeting), Michigan Manufacturers Technology Center, 2901 Hubbard at Huron Pkwy. \$15 (members, free). 214-0104.

African American Book Group: Barnes & Noble. All invited to discuss *Memoirs of a Geisha*, Arthur Golden's absorbing novel about the life and circumstances of a Japanese geisha. 6:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

U-M Women's Basketball vs. Wisconsin. 7 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$5 (youths under 14 & seniors, \$3; U-M students with ID, free). 764-0247.

Open House: Ann Arbor Christian School. A



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chance to tour the facilities, meet the staff, and learn about the curriculum of this interdenominational Christian school for children in grades K-5. 7-8:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Christian School, 1717 Broadway near Plymouth. Free. 741-4948.

"E-Mail Basics": Ann Arbor District Library. February 17 & 23. A hands-on introduction that covers everything from establishing an E-mail account to reading and sending mail and attaching files. Open to all AADL cardholders. Note: A free version of this class (preregistration required), with less hands-on opportunity, is offered at the Loving Branch (February 23, 7 p.m.). 7 p.m. (Feb. 17) & 9 a.m. (Feb. 23), AADL training center (3rd floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. \$5. Preregistration required. 327-4550.

"Attracting Bluebirds Year Round": Wild Birds Unlimited. Slide-illustrated talk by Wild Birds Unlimited owner Kurt Hagemeister. 7 p.m., Wild Birds Unlimited, Woodland Plaza, 2204 S. Main at Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. Reservations required. 665-7427.

Monthly Meeting: Ann Arbor Society for Origami. All invited (children and adults) to learn about and try their hand at origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. 7-9:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 2145 Independence (off Packard). Free. 434-5152.

"Nutrition, Organics, and Ecology": People's Food Co-op. Talk by local naturopathic physician Michele Loewe. 7-8 p.m., Courthouse Square Apts. ballroom, 100 S. Fourth Ave. at Huron. Free. Preregistration required. 769-0095.

Poetry Reading: St. Joseph Hospital Community Conference Series. Local art therapist and author Debbie Mitchell reads poems by various African American authors. 7-9 p.m., St. Joe's Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off Huron River Dr.), Superior Twp. Free. 485-3303.

"Local African American Initiatives: A Community Forum": Ann Arbor District Library. Panel discussion on educational opportunities for African American youth in the Ann Arbor area. Q&A. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4282.

"Love's Fire": U-M Basement Arts Theater. February 17-19. U-M students perform passionate one-act plays based on Shakespeare's sonnets, as reimagined by several playwrights, including Tony Kushner, Eric Bogosian, and Wendy Wasserstein. Evening time TBA, Arena Stage (Frieze basement), 105 S. State St. Free. 764-6800.

"Menopause": BYE Nature. Local nutritionist and herbalist Cindy Klement discusses nutritional supplements and herbal remedies that help offset the effects of menopause. 7:30 p.m., BYE Nature, 114 N. Main, Chelsea. Free. 433-0199.

"Cover to Cover": Ann Arbor District Library. See 4 Friday. Today: *While I Was Gone*, Sue Miller's acclaimed novel about a middle-aged woman, a New England veterinarian, who nearly ruins her happy marriage when she confronts ghosts from her youth. 7:30-8:30, AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall, 2713 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 996-3180.

"Blues Jam": Oz's Music. All blues musicians invited. Hosted by Mike Williams. Mikes & amps provided. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Oz's Music Environment,

1920 Packard. Free. 662-8283.

★**Concert: Greenhills School.** Deborah Henderson directs the middle school's band, orchestra, and small ensembles in a varied music program. 7:30 p.m., Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free. 205-4000.

★**Monthly Meeting: Washtenaw Linux Users Group.** All invited to discuss issues related to Linux, a Unix-like alternative to Microsoft operating systems for Intel, Alpha, and PowerPC microprocessors. 8 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Technical & Industrial Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 995-1125.

Eric Andersen: The Ark. Rare American appearance by this veteran 60s singer-songwriter from New England who has lived in Europe for the past several years. A seductive vocalist and a superb fingerpicking guitarist, Andersen is best known for rhythmically hushed, sweetly melodic, poetically evocative meditative and contemplative songs about spiritual and philosophical matters that have been covered by everyone from the Blues Project to Judy Collins. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$14 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Tappan Players.** February 17-19. Karen Dahmer directs Tappan Middle School students in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's popular rock musical based on the biblical story of Joseph. Though it never achieved the success of the team's earlier *Jesus Christ Superstar*, this is an appealing and good-natured musical with lots of catchy melodies and innocently irreverent lyrics. 8 p.m., Tappan Middle School Auditorium, 2441 E. Stadium. \$5 at the door only. 662-3372.

New York City Opera National Company: University Musical Society. February 17-19. The touring branch of this celebrated opera company presents *The Barber of Seville*, Rossini's delightful comic opera about the lovely Rosina. Glimpsing Rosina, the young Count Almaviva instantly falls in love and enlists the help of his friend, the local barber Figaro, to concoct disguises in which to visit Rosina incognito and try to pry her away from her jealous, suspicious guardian, Dr. Bartolo. With his crony Don Basilio, Bartolo conjures a scheme to win Rosina for himself. A masterpiece of the comic bel canto repertory, the opera is filled with glorious melody and well-known arias such as Rosina's pyrotechnical "Una voce poco fa." Basilio's bombastic "La calunnia," and the barber's celebrated "Largo al factotum." NYCO's National Company, sometimes called "the Cadillac of touring companies," enjoys a reputation for polished productions; this one is "hilarious, sensitive, tasteful, and always true to the spirit of Rossini," notes a *New York Post-Dispatch* critic. Italian, English supertitles. *Related event: "Opera 101,"* a free talk by UMS education specialist Helen Siedel (February 18, Michigan League Hussey Room, 7 p.m.). 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$22-\$45 (Feb. 17, 18, & 19, 8 p.m.), \$10-\$20 (Feb. 19, 2 p.m.) in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

★**"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Performance Network Professional Season.** See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"All in the Timing": P.T.D. Productions.** See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. Headliner TBA. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. 8:30 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$10 reserved seating in advance, \$12 general admission at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996-9080.

★**UAC Comedy Company: U-M Michigan League "Spotlight Thursday."** See 3 Thursday. 8:30 p.m.

Old 97's: Prism Productions. Tentative. This acclaimed country-rock quartet from Dallas helped define the so-called "No Depression" movement with two mid-90s CD's of tight, twangy, good-humored rig-rock on Bloodshot Records. Their subsequent CDs on Elektra, including the recent *Fight Songs*, head in the direction of pop-oriented postpunk rock 'n' roll, but their music still possesses a certain stubbornly dusty grit. 10:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Tickets (prices TBA) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call (810) 645-6666; for information, call 996-8555.

FILMS

MTF, "American Movie" (Chris Smith, 1999). See 13 Sunday. Mich., 6:50 & 9 p.m. **"All about My Mother"** (Pedro Almodovar, 1999). See 6 Sunday. Mich., 7 & 9:15 p.m.

18 FRIDAY

★**"Coming to America": Wild Swan Theater.** See 17 Thursday. 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

★**"Public Development as Public Policy: The Re-development of 42nd Street": U-M Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.** Columbia University real estate program director Lynne Sagalyn discusses the revival of this New York City street. 12:45 p.m., 2147 Art & Architecture Bldg. Free. 764-1300.

★**"Broadside Press Poetry Reading": U-M University Library.** Readings by 3 poets associated with the Broadside Press, a press started in 1965 by former University of Detroit poet-in-residence Dudley Randall to publish his own poems and works by Gwendolyn Brooks, Audre Lorde, Haki Madhubuti, and other important African American poets. Readers are former Broadside Press assistant editor Melba Joyce Boyd, former Museum of African American History chief curator Bill Harris, and Gloria House, a poet best known by her African pen name, Aneb Kgositsile. Followed by a showing of Boyd's documentary video, *The Black Unicorn: Dudley Randall & the Broadside Press*. 1-3:30 p.m., West Hall Erlicher Room, 550 East University. Free. 936-3813.

★**"Of Music and Forced Migration: Views from the Ethiopian Diaspora": U-M School of Music.** Talk by Harvard music professor Kay Kaufman Shelemay. 4 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

★**29th Annual Raoul Wallenberg Lecture: U-M College of Architecture and Urban Planning.** Lecture by University of Texas (Austin) architecture professor Michael Benedikt. Benedikt's research and publications focus on innovative theories of architecture, such as the impact of the information age on architecture and studies of cyberspace and virtual realities. This lecture celebrating architecture as a humane social art honors the memory of U-M architecture school alumnus Raoul Wallenberg, who saved more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust before disappearing in the Soviet gulag at the end of WWII. 6 p.m., U-M Art & Architecture Lecture Hall (room 2104), 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus. Free. 764-1300.

★**"Magic: The Gathering" Tournament: The Underworld.** Players of all levels of experience invited to compete in a Magic tournament using the brand-new Nemesis deck. Magic is a very popular card game played with collectible cards. Prizes. Space limited; sign-up begins at 5:45 p.m. 6 p.m., The Underworld, 1202 South University. \$15 includes a deck of cards. 998-0547.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 4 Friday. Today: Team USA Under-18 vs. Des Moines of the U.S. Hockey League. 7 p.m.

★**"Saving Grace": Gallery 212.** Opening reception for an exhibit of multimedia works by regional artists (see Galleries). 7-11 p.m., Gallery 212, 212 S. Main. Free. 665-8224.

★**"Life's Daughter/Death's Bride: A Jungian Perspective on the Greek Myth of Demeter and Persephone."** Jungian psychotherapist Kathie Carlson presents a slide-illustrated lecture based on her latest book. 7-9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore meeting room, 114 S. Main. \$20 at door only. (517) 244-1163.

★**"February Full Moon Hike": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike to look for and discuss animal activity, call for owls, and play a nature game. 7 p.m., Rolling Hills Lodge, 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free. 971-6337.

★**"Music in the Cafe": Liberty Borders.** Performance by popular local pop-folk singer-songwriter Lisa Hunter, who accompanies herself on acoustic guitar. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★**Monthly Meeting: Viva Ventures.** All physically active seniors (age 50 and over) invited to help plan and organize hiking, biking, canoeing, camping, skiing, or white-water rafting excursions. 7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. For information, call Bud Tracy at 663-3077.

Impact Dance: U-M University Activities Center. February 18 & 19. This annual spring dance concert by U-M non-dance majors features a wide variety of dance styles, including modern, jazz, and tap. 7:30 p.m., Lydia Mendelsohn Theater. Tickets (cost TBA) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★**"Love's Fire": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 17 Friday. Evening time TBA.

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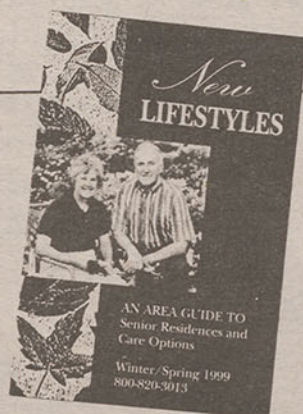
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Third Friday Dance: Balance and Swing. Contrabass, squares, and mixers to live music by the Golden Grifon Stringtet, with caller Susan English. No partner necessary; dancers of all levels welcome. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by free lessons for beginners. 8-11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$6 (students & children \$5, and discount for anyone who brings a homemade dessert). 995-5872.

"The Barber of Seville": New York City Opera National Company. See 17 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat": Tappan Players. See 17 Thursday. 8 p.m.

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"All in the Timing": P.T.D. Productions. See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Singles Dance: Parents Without Partners. See 4 Friday. 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Kirkland Teeple: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. February 18 & 19. Mainstreet owner Teeple is one of the most talented and satisfying performing artists in town. He is a somewhat manic observational humorist with a fondness for exaggerating emotions until they assume alarmingly surreal proportions. He's a very gifted storyteller, with impeccable timing, an imaginative sense of dynamics, and a knack for finding fresh, surprising perspectives on familiar themes. Much of his act these days draws on his experiences as a befuddled husband and father, and he has a lot of brand-new material exorcising what he calls "the horror of Kirkland procreating." Preceded by two opening acts. Alcohol is served. 8:30 & 10:45 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. Tickets \$10 reserved seating in advance, \$12 general admission at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996-9080.

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "La Strategia del Ragno (The Spider's Strategy)" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1970). Today only. Tragic story about a plot to murder Mussolini during an opera performance. Based on a story by Borges. Italian, subtitles. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 5 p.m.

"Rear Window" (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). February 18-24. Stylish thriller-romance about a news photographer examining his neighbor's lives with binoculars and making a sordid discovery. James Stewart, Grace Kelly. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

"American Movie" (Chris Smith, 1999). See 13 Sunday. Mich., 11:50 p.m.

"Last Tango in Paris" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1973). February 18 & 19. Celebrated X-rated film about a grief-stricken American in Paris who hurls himself into a no-questions-asked sexual fling with a chance acquaintance. Marlon Brando, Maria Schneider. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, midnight.

8th Annual U-M MLK Film Series. "Imitation of Life" (Douglas Sirk, 1959). Moving drama of an aspiring young Broadway actress, a widow and mother whose black maid's troubled daughter tries to pass as a white woman. Lana Turner, Juanita Moore, Mahalia Jackson. Discussion follows. Refreshments. FREE. 647-7151. Chrysler Auditorium, 2121 Bonisteel Blvd., North Campus. 7 p.m.

U-M Center for Chinese Studies. "Red Cherry" (Ye Ying, 1996). Oscar-winning wartime drama about 2 orphaned friends. Mandarin, subtitles. No children under 12 admitted. FREE. 764-6308. Angell Hall Auditorium A, 8 p.m.

19 SATURDAY

★High School Jazz Festival: U-M School of Music. A day of performances by high school bands from around the state. Also, a performance by the U-M Jazz Ensemble (1 p.m.), which is joined by several guest musicians, including bassist John Clayton, trumpeter Ingrid Jensen, saxophonist George Benson, and drummer Jeff Hamilton. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

"Good Morning Sunshine": Leslie Science Center (Ann Arbor Parks Department). Leslie Science Center staff leads an early morning hike for kids ages 4-6 to see what animals may be waking up with the

sun. 9-11 a.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$10 (nonresidents, \$12). 662-7802.

★Monthly Meeting: AGLOW International. All invited to join a group discussion on "The Greatest Love Story." AGLOW is a network of Christian women who meet for prayer and community outreach. Preceded at 9:15 a.m. by a light breakfast. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Cranbrook Towers Activity Room, 2901 Northbrook Place (north off Eisenhower Parkway between Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. and Main). Free. 665-4246.

★Silverston Invitational: U-M Coed Track & Field. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (field events) & noon-4 p.m. (running events), U-M Indoor Track Bldg., S. State at Hoover. Free. 764-0247.

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Penn State. 12:17 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$12 & \$15. 764-0247.

★Volunteer Orientation: Habitat for Humanity. Information session for those interested in all aspects of the Habitat for Humanity home-building projects. Refreshments. 1-3 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 996-9933.

★"Learning Curves in Business": Arborland Borders. Local freelance writer Jeff Mortimer discusses his book about the various roads to success traveled by 21 top local businesspeople and community leaders. 1 p.m., Nicola's Books (Little Professor), Westgate Shopping Center. Free. 662-4110.

★Rick Roe: Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library. Concert of pop and jazz standards by this highly regarded local jazz pianist. 1-3 p.m., AADL lobby, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4282.

★Book Discussion for Teens: Ann Arbor District Library. All teens invited to discuss *Swallowing Stones*, Joyce McDonald's absorbing novel about how a single shot in the air causes the death of an innocent man and forever alters the lives of 2 teenagers. 2-3 p.m., AADL Muehlig Room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Pre-registration required. 327-4282.

★"Tunes, Tales, and Troubadours": Ann Arbor District Library. Part of a series of family-oriented storytelling programs for listeners 1st grade through adult. Stories in this popular series—formerly known as "Evening Voyages" and held on Monday nights—are told rather than read, and music is an integral part of each program. Children under age 6 not admitted. Today: award-winning local storyteller Laura Pershin Raynor tells outrageous tales to tickle your funnybone. 2-2:45 p.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-8301.

★"Mystery Rocks": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 5 Saturday. 2-3 p.m., AADL West Branch, Westgate Shopping Center, 2503 Jackson Rd. Free. Pre-registration required. 994-1674.

"Coming to America": Wild Swan Theater. See 17 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★"Animania": U-M Japanese Animation Film Society. Monthly 8-hour festival of Japanese animation. The yearlong series continues with episodes from the vibrant comedy-fantasy *Card Captor Sakura* (4 p.m.) and the action-comedy *Bakuen Campus Guardress* (5:40 p.m.). After an intermission, the hilarious comedy *Momotte Shugogoten* (7:50 p.m.), the action-adventure *Orguss 02* (8:40 p.m.), the moody samurai drama *Rurouni Kenshin* (9:40 p.m.), and *Case Files of the Young Kindaichi* (10:35 p.m.), a feature film about a high school detective trapped on a haunted island. Japanese, subtitles. Raffle at 10:10 p.m. Sale of T-shirts. U-M campus admission policy: No one under 18 admitted without an adult. 4-6:50 p.m. & 7:50 p.m.-midnight, MLB 3, 812 E. Washington at Thayer. Free. For more information, E-mail animania@umich.edu, or visit the website at www.umich.edu/~animania.

Chinese New Year Celebration: Chinese-American Society of Ann Arbor/Ann Arbor Chinese School. An evening of fun, food, and dancing, kicking off with a New Year snack, followed by varied performances TBA by Chinese and American adults and kids (7:30 p.m.) and ballroom dancing (9 p.m.). Also, an art exhibit explaining New Year customs. All welcome. 5:30-11 p.m., Clague Middle School, 2616 Nixon Rd. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. 332-0390.

"Millennium Masquerade": 15th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration: Washtenaw Community College. An evening of fun and frolic in the New Orleans tradition, complete with dinner, dancing, and Mardi Gras costumes, masks, and beads. The evening kicks off with hors d'oeuvres and music by local jazz guitarist John E. Lawrence (6:30 p.m.), followed by dinner (7:30 p.m.) and dancing to the *Sun Messengers* (8:30 p.m.-midnight), a popular, versatile 10-piece ensemble from Detroit that plays everything from Latin and African dance music to blues and rock. Also, a caricature artist, face painter, and more. Guests are encouraged to come in costume

or formal dress. An elegant champagne reception (5:30 p.m.) is open to \$250 ticketholders only. All proceeds benefit the school's scholarship fund. 6:30 p.m.-midnight, WCC Student Center Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$125 (\$250 with champagne reception) in advance only. 973-3360.

Team USA: USA Hockey National Team Development Program. See 4 Friday. Today: **Team USA Under-18 vs. Des Moines** of the U.S. Hockey League. 7 p.m.

★**"The Feast of Joyful Music": Dam Tsig Foundation.** Concert of Buddhist music performed by a musical ensemble of Dam Tsig members. They perform zikar, a type of music meant to aid meditation, on guitar, conga, bells, and bass guitar. 7:30-9 p.m., Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third St. at W. Huron. Free. 663-3842.

Impact Dance: U-M University Activities Center. See 18 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

★**"Love's Fire": U-M Basement Arts Theater.** See 17 Thursday. Evening time TBA.

Third Saturday Contra Dance: Cobblestone Farm Dancers. Robin Warner and Peter Baker call to live music by the Coal Crackers, a new local band that includes Seth Houston, Cole Latimer, Pam Meisel, and Emily Peterson. All dances taught; first-timers welcome. No partner needed. Wear cool, casual clothes and bring flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing. Also, an open jam for string musicians of all levels (4-6 p.m.). 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$7. 665-8863, 426-0241.

★**"Monsters of A Cappella": Amazon' Blue** (University Activities Center). This popular U-M coed vocal ensemble performs renditions of rock & pop songs by Toto, Seal, Genesis, Pink Floyd, and others. 1998 finalists in the National Championship of College A Cappella at Carnegie Hall, the group has performed on campuses across the country and released several recordings including the recent CD *Allnighter*. Guests include the U-M Men's Glee Club quartet the *Friars*, and the U-M Women's Glee Club quartet the *Harmonettes*. Also, two guest ensembles TBA. 8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$6 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Community High Jazz Ensemble: The Ark. Mike Grace directs this award-winning local high school jazz ensemble that includes musicians who are already making their mark at the Bird of Paradise jam sessions and other venues around town. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$11 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Peter Soave Quintet: Kerrytown Concert House Classical Series. Known worldwide and popular locally for his skill on the accordion, Peter Soave returns for another concert highlighted by classical-style tangos by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla. Tonight he plays the bandoneon (a button accordion), and he's joined by a quartet of outstanding Detroit musicians, including violinists Victoria Haltom and Velda Kelly, violist Barbara Zmich, and cellist Nadine Deoleury. In addition to 3 Piazzolla pieces—"Libertango," "Adios Nonino," and "Oblivion"—the program also includes Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Lady" and Suite for Bandoneon and Strings, a work written for Soave by Venezuelan composer Aldemaro Romero. 8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10, \$15, & \$25 (students, \$8). Reservations suggested. 769-2999.

★**"The Barber of Seville": New York City Opera National Company.** See 17 Thursday. 2 p.m. (1-hour family performance) & 8 p.m.

★**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat": Tappan Players.** See 17 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"All in the Timing": P.T.D. Productions.** See 10 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Performance Network Professional Season.** See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Kirkland Teeple: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. See 18 Friday. 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

Ann Arbor Ballroom Dance Club. Ballroom dancing to recorded music. Refreshments. Preceded at 8 p.m. by lessons (\$7). 9-11 p.m. (dancing), First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. at Ellsworth. \$7. 665-3565, 665-6090.

Ui: The Blind Pig. Groove-oriented, cerebral instrumental postrock pop by this veteran New York City trio whose name is pronounced "ooh-wee." Opening act is the **Lonesome Organist**, a wild-mannered electric organist from Chicago who plays instrumental art-rock. 10:30 p.m. (doors open at 9 p.m.), The Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Tickets \$8 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticket-

master outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call (810) 645-6666; for information, call 996-8555.

FILMS

Cinema Guild. "L'Avventura" (Michelangelo Antonioni, 1960). One of a group of wealthy friends vanishes on an island, in this allegorical story of decadent idlers drifting through an existential limbo. \$4 (both films, \$5). 647-8434. U-M Nat. Sci. Auditorium, 830 North University, 7 p.m. **"La Notte"** (Michelangelo Antonioni, 1961). Moody, introverted study, filled with hopelessness, about a bored wife troubled by her marriage to an uncommunicative, one-dimensional man. \$4 (both films, \$5). 647-8434. Nat. Sci., 9:30 p.m. **M-FLICKS. "Man Bites Dog"** (Remy Belvaux, 1992). Darkly humorous, ultragraphic mockumentary about a serial killer who discusses and demonstrates his killing methods. French, subtitles. \$3. 763-1107. Location TBA. 7 & 9:30 p.m. **Michigan Theater Foundation. "1900"** (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1977). Today only. Sweeping, complex Marxist epic contrasting the intertwined destinies of an aristocratic landowner and a peasant in pre-WWII Italy. 5 hours long, with intermission. Robert De Niro, Donald Sutherland. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 3 p.m. **"Rear Window"** (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). See 18 Friday. Mich., 4:30, 7, & 9:30 p.m. **"American Movie"** (Chris Smith, 1999). See 13 Sunday. Mich., 11:50 p.m. **"Last Tango in Paris"** (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1973). See 18 Friday. Mich., midnight.

20 SUNDAY

★**"Making Recordings of Literary Works Available to Persons Via the Internet": Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship.** Talk by Assistive Media director David Erdody. 10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 971-8638.

★**"29th Annual Winter Spectacular": Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club/Huron Valley Railroad Historical Society.** The Midwest's largest model railroad flea market. Model railroaders, collectors, and train buffs from 10 states and Canada gather to display, trade, and sell more than \$2 million worth of model railroad equipment and memorabilia on 600 vendor's tables. Also, display of three large model train operating layouts, including an HO layout. Food available. Proceeds used to restore and maintain Dexter's railroad depot. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Rd. at Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$4 (children 10 and under \$5). 426-0829.

★**"Yiddish Love Poetry": CONNECTIONS.** Talk by U-M English and Judaic studies professor Anita Norich. Followed by brunch and socializing. CONNECTIONS is a Jewish Family Services singles program. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Donation. 971-3280.

Wild Game Dinner: Washtenaw Farm Council. Buffet dinner featuring raccoon, rabbit, buffalo, venison, and turkey. Proceeds to fund improvements to the Farm Council Grounds. Noon-3 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door (children 5-12, \$3). Reservations suggested. 429-3145.

★**Chinese Lantern Festival: U-M Museum of Art.** A day of music, performances TBA, and hands-on activities for kids, celebrating the February 5 Chinese New Year. Also, tours (2 & 3 p.m.) of the exhibit *The Orchid Pavilion Gathering: Chinese Painting from the University of Michigan Museum* (see Galleries). 1-5 p.m., U-MMA, 525 S. State at South University. Free. 764-0395.

★**"Feed the Poets": Del Rio.** Open mike poetry readings interspersed with informal readings by poets TBA. 1:30-4:30 p.m., Del Rio, 122 W. Washington. Free. 761-2530.

★**Monthly Meeting: Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.** All invited for socializing and small-group discussions. 2-5 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division at Catherine. Free. 741-0659.

★**"Harry Bennett: Hatchet Man, Architect, Artist, and Animal Lover": Washtenaw County Historical Society.** City historic preservation coordinator Mary Culver discusses Henry Ford's right-hand man, the builder of the mysterious "castle" on the northern bank of the Huron River, just east of Dixboro Road. Refreshments. 2 p.m., UAW Local #849, 3080 Platt Rd. Free. 662-9092.

★**"Books That Changed Your Life": Arborland Borders Books and Music.** All invited to join local writer Iris Lee Underwood to revive the 19th-century reading pastime of sharing favorite passages. Bring a favorite novel with a selection of passages. Also, tea and scones. 2 p.m., Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. Preregistration required. 677-6948.



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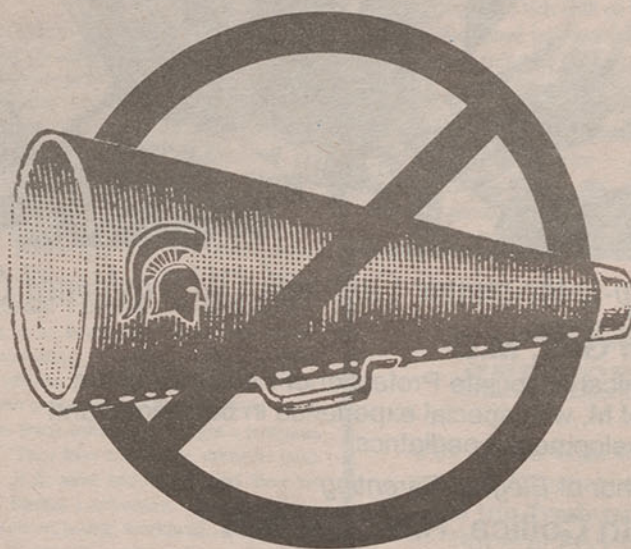
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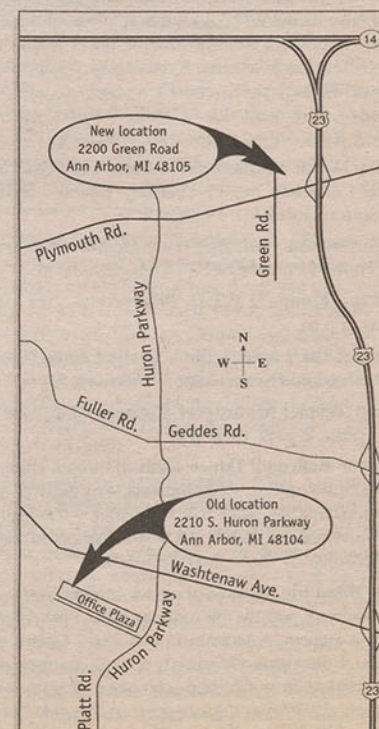
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AAPS Orchestra Night Scheherezade at a scary speed

Ann Arbor parents push music, and many Ann Arbor children try it and like it. My daughter's music teacher at Eberwhite years ago, Carroll Hart, boasted that only 1 percent of the kids in the school declined to take instrumental music. As a result, you see latency-period youngsters all over town lugging trombones, clarinets, and violins in battered heavy-duty cases with school names stenciled on them.

A lot of them keep their music up through middle school (some of them taking private lessons, too), so by the time they reach high school, their skills are impressive. Each year they're put on display at Orchestra Night at Hill Auditorium. Listeners are treated to five

middle school orchestras that sound like high school groups, and two high school symphonies that play like good college orchestras.

Quality varies, but each orchestra tailors its ambitions to its size and capabilities. Last year, Scarlett's thirty-member string orchestra, with fine tone, played movements from three of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*—a time limit kept them from hitting all four. The national-award-winning, 110-member Pioneer Symphony (which also draws musicians from Community High) took Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherezade* at a scary speed, far beyond the standard tempo for recordings of the piece. Many in the audience worried that the kids would fall apart; they didn't. The Huron Symphony, Pioneer's smaller rival, also did a stirring job with another Rimsky-Korsakov standard, *The Golden Cockerel*, and the leg-

endary Dan Long led Slauson Middle School's orchestra in the finale from Stravinsky's *Firebird*. Some choices were safe, some daring: we heard *Hansel and Gretel* excerpts from Clague, a Haydn finale from Tappan, and a new piece, Robert W. Smith's "Into the Storm," from Forsythe.

For the kids who realize they're on the stage where Horowitz and Toscanini performed, it's a thrill. The audience, an unstuffy family crowd, is its own show, as parents chat with their ex-spouses, and preschool siblings plug their ears whenever they think a cymbal crash is coming. Even some Ann Arborites without kids drop by to enjoy a free evening of symphonic music played with spirit, dedication, and surprising musicality.

Orchestra Night this year is Thursday, February 24. —Paul R. Schwankl

Third Sunday Family Dance Series: Cobblestone Country Dancers. Square and contra dancing to live music by the string band Sandy River Belle, with popular local callers David Park Williams, John Freeman, and Robin Warner. Geared toward families and kids. All dances taught; beginners welcome. No partner necessary. 2-4:30 p.m., Cobblestone Farm Barn, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). \$6 (families, \$10). 975-9059, 994-2928.

★**"Winter Ecology and Waking Up to the Natural World":** U-M School of Natural Resources Arboretum Tour. Knowledgeable student guide April Pickrel leads a tour through the Arb's Appalachian Glen and beyond to look at animal and plant adaptations to winter. 2 p.m., meet at the Washington Heights entrance of Nichols Arboretum. Free. 998-9541.

★**"Picasso at the Lapin Agile":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday, 2 p.m.

Family Concert: The Phoenix Ensemble and Gemini. Ann Arbor's resident chamber orchestra, led by award-winning conductor Annunziata Tomaro, joins forces with Gemini, the nationally acclaimed, locally revered duo of children's musicians San and Laz Slomovits, for a concert of lively sing-alongs, hand motion tunes, folk tales, Gemini originals, and music from around the world. Also, an instrument petting zoo, supervised by area music teachers, in the Michigan Theater lobby (2 p.m.). Kids can touch, play, and ask questions about instruments to be played in tonight's concert. 3 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$15 (\$10 students & children 12 & under) at SKR Classical, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★**Hymn Fest: American Guild of Organists.** All invited to a sing-along concert of popular hymns, accompanied by church organ. 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 665-6809.

★**Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble.** James Nissen directs this student ensemble in a program highlighted by 2 new works by local composers, Geoff Stanton's *Cantabile and Dance* and Nissen's own *Carillon*. Also, works by Jenkins, Persichetti, and Charles Ives. 4 p.m., First Congregational Church, 608 E. William at S. State. Free. (313) 593-5237.

★**Faculty Piano Recital: EMU Music Department.** EMU piano professor Dady Mehta performs Haydn's Sonata in C minor and Brahms's *Klavierstuecke*, and he is joined by guest violinist Sasha Margolis for Bartok's Sonata no. 2 for Violin and Piano. 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**Michigan Chamber Players: U-M School of Mu-**

sic. Chamber performance by some of the U-M music school's outstanding faculty, including violist Yizhak Schotten, oboist Harry Sargous, clarinetist Deborah Chodacki, bassoonist Richard Beene, pianist Ellen Rowe, cellist Erling Blomdal Bengtsson, pianists Louis Nagel and Katherine Collier, and violinists Paul Kantor and Stephen Shippis. Program: Telemann's Trio Sonata, Loeffler's *Poems*, Bartok's *Contrasts*, and Beethoven's *Archduke Trio*. 4 p.m., U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"The Complete Organ Works of J. S. Bach":** U-M School of Music. See 6 Sunday. Today's program: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, Prelude and Fugue in A Major, works from the *Leipzig Chorales*, New Year chorales from the *Orgelbuechlein*, and more. 4 p.m.

Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. Adam Riccinto directs this new volunteer community orchestra in Frank's Symphony in D minor, Bizet's *L'Arlesienne Suite no. 1*, and Saint-Saens's Cello Concerto no. 1. Soloist is Robert Reed, a professional cellist who lives in Ypsilanti. A benefit for the Lincoln Community Arts and Recreation Center, where the orchestra practices. 4 p.m., Lincoln Community Arts and Recreation Center, 7475 Willis Rd. (west of Whitaker Rd.), Augusta Twp. Tickets \$8 in advance and at the door. 483-5583.

★**Stilyagi Air Corps Book Club: Westgate Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss Kurt Vonnegut's apocalyptic novel *Cat's Cradle*, in which the earth freezes over because of a product called Ice Nine. 5 p.m., Nicola's Books, Westgate Shopping Center. Free. (313) 390-2369.

★**Junior Theater Auditions: Ann Arbor Civic Theater.** February 20 & 21. All young actors invited to try out for an April 13-16 production TBA. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). Free. 971-0605.

★**"House Blend" Series: Ann Arbor Playwrights.** The House Blend series of 2 monthly readings by local and visiting playwrights is split between the Civic Theater and Livonia's Trinity House Theater (464-6302). Tonight: "Shorts Night," in which playwrights read a variety of short works. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Civic Theater, 2275 Platt Rd. at Huron Pkwy. (south of Washtenaw). \$3 suggested donation. 971-AACT.

★**"Nothing on Earth": Shameless Rainbow Youth Theater.** February 20-22. This local troupe of actors ages 14-19 presents this original piece by troupe members Tara Rubenstein and Jean Wallace, developed in conjunction with Walk & Squawk Productions, the local theater company, codirected by Hilary Ramsden and Erika Block, that founded Shameless

Rainbow Youth Theater. The piece, set amid the tawdry glitz of a traveling circus show, explores perceptions of what is normal and what is bizarre in terms of gender, personal, and social boundaries. Evening times TBA, U-M Residential College Auditorium, East Quad, 701 East University. Tickets \$5-\$10 in advance at Common Language Bookstore, by reservation, and at the door. 668-0407.

Eric Bibb and Ellis Paul: The Ark. Double bill. Bibb is an African American singer-songwriter with a powerful, warm voice whose music is rooted in southern folk, gospel, and soul. Paul is an up-and-coming singer-songwriter from New England who writes vividly figured, quietly thoughtful songs that blend personal and political themes. 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$12.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

Brad Shepik and the Commuters: Kerrytown Concert House "Jazz at the Edge" Series. Leading New York City jazz guitarist Shepik leads this folk-based jazz ensemble whose music reflects Turkish, Persian, Balkan, and African traditions. The program includes material from their debut CD, *The Loan*, and from their forthcoming second CD. Other members are bassist Fima Ephron, saxophonist Peter Epstein, and drummer Mike Sarin. 8 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10, \$15. Reservations suggested. 769-2999.

Christian Tetzlaff: University Musical Society. Once typecast as an intellectual artist who played only difficult concertos, this young German violinist showcases his musical passion in a concert commemorating the 250th anniversary of Bach's death. Commenting on the Bach sonatas on tonight's program, Tetzlaff notes, "They have a speaking, dramatic quality—the music is so alive and human, and there are great dramatic themes everywhere." In demand as a guest soloist with orchestras worldwide, Tetzlaff has also produced 8 critically acclaimed recordings, including one of Bach's sonatas and partitas that the *New York Times* called "an altogether breathtaking release." Program: Bach's Partita no. 2 in D Minor, Sonata no. 3 in C Major, and Sonata no. 2 in A Minor. 8 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd. Tickets \$25 in advance at Burton Tower and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

FILMS

MTF. "Rear Window" (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). See 18 Friday, Mich., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

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EVENTS continued

21 MONDAY

★**Monthly Meeting: Embroiderers' Guild of America.** Stitchers of all abilities invited to work on their projects, socialize, and learn about guild activities. 6:45 p.m., *First Presbyterian Church*, 1432 Washtenaw. Free to visitors (\$30 annual dues). 426-3903.

★**Arbborough Games Kickoff Meeting: Friends of Arbborough.** All invited to help organize the 18th annual Arbborough Games in August. Committees forming now to plan this coed athletic festival for youths ages 10-16, which alternates between Peterborough, Ontario, and (this year) Ann Arbor. 7 p.m., *Ann Arbor Recreation and Education Bldg.*, 2765 Boardwalk. Free. 913-9603.

★**"The Art of Happiness": Dam Tsig Foundation.** Local psychotherapist Cynthia Gormley leads a practice meditation and discusses themes in *The Art of Happiness*, a guide to everyday joy based on interviews with the Dalai Lama. 7:30-9 p.m., *Crazy Wisdom Tea Room*, 114 S. Main. Free. 663-3842.

★**"Sleuthing for Botanical Treasures in Ann Arbor": Michigan Botanical Club/Michigan Chapter of Wild Ones.** Talk by U-M herbarium collections manager Beverly Walters. Wild Ones is a club dedicated to gardening and landscaping with native species. 7:30 p.m., *U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens*, 1800 Dixboro Road. Free. 971-6261.

★**"Got Angst?" Community High School.** February 21-23. EMU theater grad student Sandra Nelson directs Community High students in a program of original works exploring teen social issues. The program includes poems, monologues, performance pieces, and dramatic skits, and they range in length from 2 to 10 minutes. 7:30 p.m., *Community High School Craft Theater*, 401 N. Division. (Parking available in the lot behind the school, N. Fifth Ave. at Detroit St.) \$5 (students, \$3) at the door only. 994-2021.

★**EMU Jazz Ensemble: EMU Music Department.** Mike Hall directs this EMU music-student ensemble in a program of jazz standards and originals. 8 p.m., *Pease Auditorium*, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**"Neurofeedback and the Treatment of ADD, Depression, Anxiety, Anger, and Bipolar Disorders": Counseling Resources of Ann Arbor.** Talk by local social work therapist Bob Egri. Also this month, Egri discusses "The 10 Keys to Making Your Intimate Relationship Work" (February 22) and "Conflict Resolution for Couples" (February 23). 8:15-9:15 p.m., location TBA. Free. Reservations requested. 665-6924.

FILMS

MTF. "Rear Window" (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). See 18 Friday. Mich., 4:30, 7, & 9:30 p.m.

22 TUESDAY

★**"Moving Beyond the Basics": Ann Arbor District Library.** AADL staffers offer a hands-on introduction to the finer details of using a web browser, including using bookmarks, saving to disk, and evaluating websites. Open to all AADL cardholders. 2:30 p.m., *AADL training center (3rd floor)*, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. \$5. Preregistration required. 327-4550.

★**A. L. Kennedy: U-M English Department Visiting Writers Series.** This Scottish novelist, whose work is known for its harshly eloquent treatment of human frailties, reads from *Original Bliss*, her recently published novel about an unlikely love between an abused housewife and a pornography addict. *Kirkus Reviews* calls it "beautiful, rare, and touching ... a small gem." 5 p.m. *Rackham Amphitheater*. Free. 647-6471.

★**"Energy and Your Health with Cindy Klement": Whole Foods Market.** This popular local herbalist and nutritionist identifies nutrient destroyers in one's lifestyle and advises which foods can compensate for their effects. 7-8:30 p.m., *The Parkway Center*, 2345 S. Huron Parkway. Free. Preregistration required. 971-3366.

★**Patrick Symmes: Liberty Borders.** Symmes discusses *Chasing Che*, his debut novel about one man's adventurous, sometimes hair-raising retracing of the 1952 motorcycle journey across South America that made Ernesto "Che" Guevara a revolutionary icon. Also, signing. 7 p.m., *Borders*, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★**"Moving Meditation."** Summers-Knoll School director Lee Cole, a shaman healer, leads a session that combines free-form dance, t'ai chi, and meditation techniques. Also, a healing meditation session (8:30 p.m.). 7 p.m., *Genesis of Ann Arbor*, 2309 Packard. Donation. 665-8883.

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★**"Self-Care for Avoiding Repetitive Motion Injuries."** Talk by local registered nurse and ergonomics consultant Anne Carbone. 7:30-8:30 p.m., *St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Free. 971-5849.*

★**"Got Angst?"** Community High School. See 21 Monday. 7:30 p.m.

★**Faculty Chamber Recital:** Concordia College. A chamber ensemble of Concordia music faculty members Yi-Li Lin, Tammy Thweatt, Janet Pinto, Wendy Schultz, and Alicia Rowe performs music by Bach, Beethoven, Reinecke, and Sulek. 8 p.m., *CC Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes Rd. at Earhart. Free. 995-4612.*

★**Arts Choral:** U-M School of Music. Jeff Douma conducts this U-M student vocal ensemble in a program TBA. 8 p.m., *Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.*

★**Voices on the Verge:** The Ark "Take a Chance Tuesdays." In-the-round performance by this ensemble of 4 up-and-coming East Coast female singer-songwriters, Erin McKeown, Jess Klein, Beth Amstel, and Rose Polenzani. Part of a series of free concerts sponsored by the prestigious local management agency Fleming, Tamulevich & Associates. 8 p.m., *The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free. 761-1451.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Barry Lyndon" (Stanley Kubrick, 1975). *Today only.* Exquisite, detailed period film about the rise and fall of Thackeray's 18th-century Irish rogue-hero. Ryan O'Neal, Marisa Berenson. Part of the "Spring Kubrick Series" (February 1, 5, 8, & 22). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 7 p.m. "Rear Window" (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). See 18 Friday. Mich., 6:45 & 9 p.m.

23 WEDNESDAY

★**"Cruise Ship Potluck":** Northeast Seniors. All seniors invited to a potluck lunch (bring a dish to pass). Wear a summer hat and sunglasses if you like. 11 a.m., *Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). Free. 996-0070.*

★**David Miller:** U-M Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. This Seattle architect discusses his economical, spartan designs which harmonize with their environments. Inspired by Miller's Peace Corps experience, this style is the hallmark of his company, Miller/Hull Partnership. 6 p.m., *Art & Architecture Lecture Hall. Free. 764-1300.*

★**"Deities of Love and Beauty":** Druids of Shining Lakes Grove Coffee Hour. All invited to join members of this local pagan group for coffee and discussion. 7-9 p.m., *Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main St. Free. 487-4931.*

★**"Women of the 'Sandwich' Generation":** St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems. All women invited to join a group discussion, facilitated by a health care expert TBA, about how to balance the needs of one's husband, children, and parents. 7-8:30 p.m., *St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Dr. Free. Preregistration required. 712-5400.*

★**"How Do Herbs Heal?":** Arborland Borders Books and Music. Local chiropractor Kathy Guerrero discusses and answers questions about the medicinal benefits of herbs. 7 p.m., *Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.*

★**"Make Some Dough":** People's Food Co-op. Tour of the Depot Town Sourdough Bakery. Taste samples. 7-8 p.m., *Depot Town Bakery, 310 N. River St., Ypsilanti. Free. Preregistration required. 769-0095.*

★**"Lower School Introductory Evening":** Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor. A chance to tour the Rudolf Steiner School and meet faculty and parents of children enrolled in this alternative school for kindergarten through 8th grade. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m., *Rudolf Steiner School, 2775 Newport Rd. Free. 995-4141.*

★**"WRAP Night":** Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project. All invited to discuss topics of interest to the gay community. 7:30 p.m., *WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 764-2372.*

★**"Beginner's Fire Ceremony":** Mateyo Empie. Local medicine woman Empie leads this participatory fire ceremony. Based on traditional Peruvian ceremonies heavily influenced by ancient Incan culture, the 4-hour ceremony is designed to help participants effect a change concerning a current major life obstacle. Materials supplied. Followed by a vegetarian potluck (bring a dish to pass). 7:30 p.m., *location TBA. \$24. 663-5505.*

★**"Bonsai Nomenclature and Taxonomy":** Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens curator David Michener, an entertaining and funny lecturer, gives an educational talk on bonsai

names and species organization. All invited. 7:30-9:30 p.m., *Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 971-3617.*

★**"Sky Dancer: In the Dimension of the Wisdom Women":** Dam Tsig Foundation. Local Tibetan Buddhist lamas Traktung Rinpoche and A'dzom Rinpoche teach mantric awareness songs relating to the Dakinis (female Tantric Buddhist deities). Accompanists are Dam Tsig musicians. 7:30-9:30 p.m., *Crazy Wisdom Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. 663-3842.*

★**"Got Angst?"** Community High School. See 21 Monday. 7:30 p.m.

★**Faculty Trumpet Recital:** EMU Music Department. EMU trumpet professor Carter Eggers performs works by Hertel, Davies, Wiltsie, and others. He is accompanied by 2 EMU music faculty colleagues, pianist Lois Kaarre and cellist Kristy Meretta. 8 p.m., *Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.*

FILMS

MTF. "Rear Window" (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). See 18 Friday. Mich., 6:45 p.m. "The Last Emperor" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1987). See 5 Saturday. Mich., 9 p.m.

24 THURSDAY

★**"The Digital Highway and the First Amendment":** U-M Communications Department Evans Lecture Series. Lecture by U-M president Lee Bollinger, a noted First Amendment expert (during his days as a law professor) whose books include *Images of a Free Press* and *The Tolerant Society: Freedom of Speech and Extremist Speech in America*. Reception follows. 4-7 p.m., *U-M Alumni Center Founders Room, 200 Fletcher. Free. 764-0420.*

★**"Help with Local Disasters":** American Red Cross. Participants can learn how to become a community disaster relief volunteer, to help people during house fires, tornadoes, and hazardous materials spills, and other disasters. 6-10 p.m., *Red Cross, 2729 Packard. Free. 971-5300.*

U-M Men's Gymnastics vs. MSU. 7 p.m., *Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763-2159.*

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Purdue. 7 p.m., *Crisler Arena. \$12 & \$15. 764-0247.*

★**Public Outreach Meeting:** Southeast Michigan Naturists. All interested in social nudity invited to meet with SMN members in a non-nude setting, to ask questions about the group and its activities. 7-8 p.m., *Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 482-9686.*

★**"Healing the Wounds of Alzheimer's Disease":** Arborland Borders Books and Music. Certified Alzheimer's activities consultant Amira Tame discusses her guide for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. 7 p.m., *Borders, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.*

★**"Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Beginnings: African American Memories":** Ann Arbor District Library. Showing of the AADL's award-winning 1999 video documentary based on old photographs and interviews with local African-American families, businesses, and institutions. In conjunction with the library's celebration of African American History Month. 7-8 p.m., *AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. 327-4282.*

5th Annual Benefit Concert: Jazz Dance Theater. This popular local dance company directed by Adam Clark and Lisa Darby Clark performs original jazz, modern dance, fusion, and more. Tonight's program includes the premiere of *Parting of Ways* and 3 repertory works, *Feel the Heat*, *Passion*, and *Life After*. Also, a performance by the Youth Dance Project, featuring dancers from area dance schools. Proceeds benefit the U-M Mott Children's Hospital. 7 p.m., *Power Center. Tickets \$12 (students & seniors, \$8) in advance or at the door. 995-4242.*

★**"Genre-less Open Mike":** Oz's Music. All electric and acoustic musicians invited. Hosted by Aaron Wolf. Mikes & amps provided. 7:30-9:30 p.m., *Oz's Music Environment, 1920 Packard. Free. 662-8283.*

★**Chamber Music Concert:** Greenhills School. Deborah Henderson directs the high school orchestra and small ensembles in a variety of chamber music. 7:30 p.m., *Campbell Center for the Performing Arts, 850 Greenhills Dr. Free. 205-4000.*

★**"Orchestra Night 2000":** Ann Arbor Public Schools Music Department. See review, p. 81. Guest conductor U-M music professor H. Robert Reynolds and regular faculty conduct ensembles of students from Pioneer and Huron high schools and all five local middle schools. 7:30 p.m., *Hill Auditorium. Free. 994-2314.*

Smash Mouth: Prism Productions. Catchy, party-oriented rock 'n' roll by this San Jose, California, band that burst onto the scene in 1997 with the infec-

tious hit single "Walkin' on the Sun." The band's 1999 CD, *Astro Lounge*, offers a similarly radio-ready blend of everything from 60s surf and garage to ska and punk idioms. Opening act is Luscious Jackson, an acclaimed all-female hip-hop-based rock quartet from New York City. 7:30 p.m., *EMU Convocation Center, Hewitt Rd. (north of Washtenaw), Ypsilanti. Tickets \$15 in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS, 487-2282, or (248) 645-6666.*

★**Guest Recital:** U-M School of Music. State University of New York saxophone professor Tim McAllister performs works from the sax repertory. 8 p.m., *U-M Music School Recital Hall, 1100 Bais Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.*

★**Barnhill Band:** EMU Music Department. Concert by this 75-piece EMU town-gown ensemble, directed by Jerry Robbins. Program TBA. 8 p.m., *Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.*

Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings: The Ark. Known as the Mellow Fellows when they served as the backup band to the late R&B singer Larry "Big Twist" Nolan, this Chicago ensemble plays a joyous, strutting brand of horn-fired R&B, from gritty blues to soulful ballads. 8 p.m., *The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$13.50 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.*

★**"The Investigation":** Concordia College Krefl Center for the Arts. February 24-26. Laura Bird directs Concordia students in Peter Weiss's wrenching portrait of a war crimes trial for Auschwitz concentration camp officials, in which war crimes victims confront their tormentors. 8 p.m., *CC Krefl Center for the Arts, 4090 Geddes Rd. at Earhart. \$7 at the door or in advance at 995-4612.*

★**"Carmen":** Comic Opera Guild. February 24-27. Katy Taylor and Brad Rondeau direct this community ensemble in Michael Irwin and COG founder Tom Petiet's English-language version of Georges Bizet's opera, set in Puerto Rico during the abortive independence uprising of 1868, about the fiery temptress Carmen. A hot-tempered young army corporal ordered to arrest her falls victim to her charms and allows her to escape. The production features the "Habenera," the famous "Toreador Song," and all other arias from the original opera. Cast includes Monica Swarthout, Kristin Walukas, Brian Pfalzcraft, and Paul Mow. 8 p.m., *Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. \$18 (seniors, \$16; students & children, \$7) in advance at SKR Classical and Nicola's Books in Traver Village and Westgate, and at the door. 973-3264.*

★**"Picasso at the Lapin Agile":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**Images & Identities:** U-M Michigan League "Spotlight Thursday." An evening of original skits and short plays by this African American student theater troupe. 8:30 p.m., *Michigan League Underground, 911 North University. Free. 763-4652.*

Keith Ruff: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. February 24-26. This up-and-coming Detroit-area African American comic is known for his crisp, clever topical commentary and for his high-spirited, often whimsical performing style. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. 8:30 p.m., *old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$10 reserved seating in advance, \$12 general admission at the door. Group rates and other discounts available. 996-9080.*

FILMS

Michigan Theater Foundation. "Sleepy Hollow" (Tim Burton, 1999). February 24 & 25. Stylish tale about Ichabod Crane chasing a murderous headless horseman, significantly altered from the Irving story. Johnny Depp. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 9:30 p.m. "Rear Window" (Alfred Hitchcock, 1954). See 18 Friday. Mich., 7 p.m.

25 FRIDAY

★**"Hudson Mills Heritage":** Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck presents a slide-illustrated talk on the history of Hudson Mills and its environs. 6:30 p.m., *Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. and Huron River Dr.), Dexter. Free. (Park entry fee: \$3 per vehicle.) Preregistration requested. 426-8211.*

★**"Amadeus":** Friends of the Michigan League. February 25-27. The Michigan League Hussey Room is transformed into an elegant Viennese parlor for a dinner theater production of Peter Shaffer's drama about the rivalry between Mozart and court composer Salieri. Stars local theater veterans James Nis-



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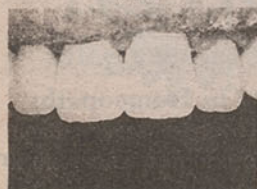
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sen and Robin Barlow. Local theater veteran Nancy Heusel directs. 6:30 p.m., Michigan League Hussey Room. Tickets \$45 (includes dinner with Austrian specialties) in advance only. 647-7463.

★**Family Reading Night:** Ann Arbor District Library. See 11 Friday. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL Northeast Branch, Plymouth Mall, 2713 Plymouth Rd. Free. Preregistration required. 996-3180.

U-M Ice Hockey vs. MSU. 7:30 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. \$10-\$17. 764-0247.

★**"Healing Night":** Essence Point. A team of local channelers creates healing energy to be shared by all in attendance. Participants can also obtain individual healings and make healing requests for others. 7:30 p.m., Unity Church, 4599 Carpenter Rd. \$10. 913-9830.

★**"Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power":** Shaman Drum Bookshop. University of Wisconsin African American studies professor Tim Tyson reads from and discusses his acclaimed biography of the influential but largely neglected civil rights leader from Louisiana. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

★**"13th Annual Storytelling Weekend":** The Ark. February 25 & 26. Storytelling continues to enjoy a renaissance as a form of popular entertainment, and the Ark's annual festival features performances by six top-notch storytellers from around the country and the state. Three different performers tonight and tomorrow night, and 3 or 4 of the festival storytellers appear at a children's concert tomorrow afternoon. Tonight's headliner is Alice McGill, a veteran storyteller-actress from Maryland who specializes in African and African American songs and stories. Also, a national and local storyteller TBA. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$15 (evening concerts) & \$7 (children's concert) in advance at Liberty Borders, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★**Fourth Friday Fling Advanced Contra Dance.** Fast-paced, occasionally complex dances for experienced contra dancers. Minimal walkthroughs. Peter Baker calls to live music by the Contrapreneurs. 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$8. 665-8863.

★**T'Ang Quartet:** Kerrytown Concert House Classical Series. This quartet of rising young artists originally from the Singapore Symphony Orchestra includes violinists Yu-Ying Ng and Chek-Meng Ang, violist Lionel Tan, Detroit Symphony Orchestra flutist Jeffery Zook, and cellist Leslie Tan. The quartet performed at KCH last summer as part of a Chamber Music Minifest. Program TBA. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10, \$15, & \$25. Reservations suggested. 769-2999.

★**"Picasso at the Lapin Agile":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Carmen":** Comic Opera Guild. See 24 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"The Investigation":** Concordia College Kreft Center for the Arts. See 24 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Broadway Friday":** U-M Michigan League. U-M musical theater students present a revue of Broadway tunes. 8:30 p.m., Michigan League Underground, 911 North University. Free. 763-4652.

★**Keith Ruff: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase.** See 24 Thursday. 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

FILMS

★**Michigan Theater Foundation. "The Sheltering Sky"** (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1990). February 25 & 26. Two jaded American intellectuals traveling in Tangiers confront an exotic, ancient culture which shatters their world view. Based on the novel by Paul Bowles, who narrates. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 5 p.m. ★**"The Emperor and the Assassin"** (Chen Kaige, 1999). February 25-29. Historical melodrama on an enormous scale, set in 300 B.C., depicting the blood-soaked, backstabbing imperial politics surrounding China's first emperor Ying Zheng. Mandarin, subtitles. \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 8 p.m. ★**"Sleepy Hollow"** (Tim Burton, 1999). See 24 Thursday. Mich., 11:30 p.m.

26 SATURDAY

★**Midwest Regional Competition: National Ocean Sciences Bowl.** Eleven high school teams compete in 18-minute-long rapid-fire quiz sessions in this dou-

ble-elimination round-robin contest. It tests knowledge of ocean sciences in six categories pertaining to the Great Lakes and the world's oceans. Finalists go on to the April nationals in Baltimore. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., U-M FXB Bldg., 1320 Beal, North Campus. Free. 741-2370, 741-2149.

★**Annual Camp Fair:** Washtenaw Camp Placement Association. A chance to meet directors and staff of summer camps and programs from all over Michigan, neighboring states, and Canada, including travel, sports, science, arts, computer, and other specialty camps. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd. Free. 971-4537.

★**"Evolve Yourself: Conscious Personal Evolution":** Traver Village Nicola's Books. Rich Rahn discusses his self-help book that combines his own insights with those of everyone from Dante to the Jefferson Airplane. Also, Rahn discusses his book at Crazy Wisdom Tea Room (February 29, 7:30 p.m.). 1 p.m., Traver Village Nicola's, 2607 Plymouth Rd. Free. 662-4110.

★**"What the Bible Really Says about Slavery":** Barnes & Noble. Elreta Dodds, author of *The Trouble with Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam*, discusses her new book. 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6475.

★**"Mystery Rocks":** U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 5 Saturday. 2-3 p.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. at William. Free. Preregistration required. 327-8301.

★**"Beach Blast":** Magic Carpet Books & Wonders. A tropical beach party for cabin-feverish kids ages 5 & up, with stories, refreshments, and door prizes. Bring a beach towel, sunglasses, and sandals. 2 p.m., Magic Carpet, Lamp Post Plaza, 2345 E. Stadium. \$2.50. 973-8757.

★**U-M Women's Gymnastics vs. Maryland.** 4 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, S. State at Hoover. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763-2159.

★**Annual Fund-Raising Banquet:** Washtenaw County Pheasants Forever. A casual buffet dinner, live auction of various goods, raffles, door prizes, games, sale of country art and woodwork, and more. Proceeds benefit the group's efforts to establish and preserve a wildlife habitat for the ring-necked pheasant. 5:30 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$45 (students, \$20; couples, \$65). Includes \$20 membership fee. Reservations required. Call Steve Schneider at 662-2522.

★**"Humanikins":** Sarah's Attic. Costumed human "mannequins" create a series of brief tableaux from various eras, in the store windows. 6-8 p.m., Sarah's Attic, 637 S. Main. Free. 622-8023.

★**"Kids' Night Out!":** Jewish Community Center. All kids in kindergarten through age 10 invited to enjoy a pizza dinner, make-your-own sundae, sports in the gym, Ping-Pong, arts & crafts activities, movies with popcorn, and more. 6:30-10:30 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). \$18 (JCC members, \$15), \$12 (JCC members, \$10) for additional siblings. Reservations required by February 23. 971-0990.

★**"Amadeus":** Friends of the Michigan League. See 25 Friday. 6:30 p.m.

★**Game Night:** Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to join local pagans for an evening of games, snacks, and socializing. Bring your favorite game to play. 7-11 p.m., 1216 Jay Avenue, Ypsilanti. (Take Michigan Ave. to Grove St., go south on Grove to Georgina, then left on Georgina to Jay.) \$6 at the door. 487-4931.

★**"13th Annual Storytelling Weekend":** The Ark. See 25 Friday. Tonight: Beth Horner, a vivacious storyteller from Illinois who tells both traditional tales and thought-provoking, often very funny personal stories, and Derek Burrows, a storyteller from Massachusetts who does songs and folktales from around the world, including his native Bahamas. Also, a local storyteller TBA. 1 (children's concert) & 8 p.m.

★**"The Investigation":** Concordia College Kreft Center for the Arts. See 24 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Picasso at the Lapin Agile":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**Keith Ruff: Mainstreet Comedy Showcase.** See 24 Thursday. 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

★**Milonga Party:** Latin and Argentine Tango Club of Detroit. Singles and couples invited to dance the tango, merengue, vals, and more to taped music. Preceded by free lesson (8 p.m.). 9:30 p.m.-midnight, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-94). \$10. (313) 561-3236.

FILMS

★**Michigan Theater Foundation. "Little Buddha"** (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1994). Today only. Visually impressive story of a Tibetan monk who believes a

Seattle boy is the reincarnation of a great Buddhist teacher, interspersed with the story of the Buddha's life. Keanu Reeves, Chris Isaak, Bridget Fonda. Part of a spring Bertolucci retrospective (February 5, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, & 26). \$7 (children, students, & seniors, \$5.50; MTF members, \$4.75). 668-8480. Michigan Theater, 5:45 p.m. "The Sheltering Sky" (Bernardo Bertolucci, 1990). See 25 Friday. Mich., 3 p.m. "The Emperor and the Assassin" (Chen Kaige, 1999). See 25 Friday. Mich., 8:30 p.m.

27 SUNDAY

★"New Park Lyndon Addition": Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. WC-PARC's adventurous naturalist Matt Heumann leads an exploratory hike through the park's new addition, which features wetlands and hilltop vistas. 10 a.m., Park Lyndon North, North Territorial Rd. (15 miles west of US-23). Free. 971-6337.

★"Mystery Rocks": U-M Exhibit Museum/Ann Arbor District Library. See 5 Saturday. 1-2 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, 1109 Geddes Ave. at North University. Free. Preregistration required. 764-0478.

★"Looking for My Roots in West Yorkshire, England": Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. Talk by Jesse Siekmeier. Also, photographer and former club member Nancy Goff, who also has roots in Yorkshire, shows photos she has taken there. 1:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College Liberal Arts & Science Bldg., lecture hall 2, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 483-2799.

U-M Women's Basketball vs. Northwestern. 2 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$5 (youths under 14 & seniors, \$3; U-M students with ID, free). 764-0247.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Performance Network Professional Season. See 3 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Carmen": Comic Opera Guild. See 24 Thursday. 2 p.m.

Japanese Tea Ceremony: U-M Museum of Art. Tea ceremony practitioners enact a traditional Japanese tea ceremony (25 minutes) in the museum's tea-house, followed by a discussion on the ritual's symbolism. This month: "Buds Swelling under the Snow," in the Sekishu style. Preceded at 2 p.m. by shakuhachi (Japanese flute) music performed by Michael Gould (see 9 Wednesday listing). Space fills up quickly at this monthly event; arrive early for a seat. 3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State at South University. \$3 suggested donation. 764-0395.

"The Joy of Singing": Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Boychoir founder Tom Strode directs this local ensemble of 50 boys in a varied program of songs from 4 centuries. Highlights include Mary Goetze's arrangement of the American folk song "Old Joe Clark," "The Walrus and the Carpenter," and "Jabberwocky" from Michigan composer Carolyn Jennings's *Join the Dance*, Michael Isaacson's 2-part setting of the traditional Hebrew song "Jinei Mah Tov," and John Rutter's jazz setting of Shakespeare's "It was a lover and his lass." Also, works by Lassus, Bach, Schubert, Christopher Symons, and others. The singers are accompanied on piano and Concordia's large Schlicker pipe organ. A benefit for Individualized Home Nursing Care and Hospice. 3 p.m., Concordia College Chapel, 4090 Geddes Rd. Tickets \$10 in advance and at the door. 971-4200.

★"The Complete Organ Works of J. S. Bach": U-M School of Music. See 6 Sunday. Today's program: Prelude and Fugue in F Minor, Toccata and Fugue in F Major, chorales from the *Leipzig Chorales* and the *Kirnbacher Collection*, and more. 4 p.m.

"Amadeus": Friends of the Michigan League. See 25 Friday. 6:30 p.m.

★"A Time for Every Purpose: Jewish Culture in America during the Holocaust": Beth Israel Congregation. Talk by U-M Judaic Studies and English professor Anita Norich. 7:30-9 p.m., Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw. Free. 665-9897.

John Prine and Maura O'Connell: The Ark "Once in a Lifetime" Benefit Concert. A made-in-heaven double bill featuring 2 folk-country stars who tonight perform both separately and together. Prine's music has undergone a number of changes since he first appeared on the scene almost 30 years ago, from singer-songwriter folk to rock to country to Sun Records-style rockabilly to the blues-based songs on his Grammy-winning 1991 LP, *The Missing Years*. But underneath all these mutations, the songs have remained essentially the same. From early gems like "Sam Stone," "Hello in There," and "That's the Way the World Goes Round" to the more recent "All the Best" and "It's a Big Old Goofy World," Prine has persisted as an always arresting, often luminous chronicler of the inner life of provincial America, its joys and sorrows, its ecstasies and absurdities, its romance and tedium. He's also an engagingly charis-

matic performer, who sings in a voice that's as flat and tangy as his native midwestern landscape. His latest CD, *In Spite of Ourselves*, is a collection of country duets with everyone from Emmylou Harris to Melba Montgomery to Iris DeMent. You can expect him to team up tonight for more of the same with O'Connell, the Irish-American singer dubbed "the girl with the nightingale voice" who's been a big local favorite ever since she stole the show at the 1988 Ann Arbor Folk Festival. Her 1988 debut solo LP immediately established her as a major star in Ireland, and she's since become a critical and popular favorite on both sides of the Atlantic. She sings in an exquisitely rich voice that ranges easily between warm whispers and high declamations full of swooning vibrato. Her eclectic repertoire is well represented in her new CD, *Wandering Home*, a collection that includes traditional Irish songs, compositions by Richard Thompson and other contemporaries, and sung and spoken versions of the poetry of Yeats and Seamus Heaney. 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$75-\$250 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

FILMS

"The Emperor and the Assassin" (Chen Kaige, 1999). See 25 Friday. Mich., 5 & 8:15 p.m.

28 MONDAY

★"Five-Minute Puzzle Challenge": Learning Express. All kids ages 5-12 invited to try to win a *Pokemon* booster deck by solving an age-appropriate puzzle in 5 minutes. Puzzles range from simple jigsaw puzzles for younger kids to brain teasers. 11 a.m. & 2 & 3 p.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 997-0707.

Open Volleyball Night: Ann Arbor Ski Club. All invited to join club members for both competitive and recreational volleyball games. 7:30-9:30 p.m., One on One Athletic Club, 2875 Boardwalk. \$7 (Ski Club members, \$5). Preregistration required. 995-2583, 973-2136.

★Writers Series: Guild House. Readings by female members of the Ann Arbor Youth Slam Team. 8 p.m., Guild House, 802 Monroe at Oakland. Free. 995-1956, 662-5189.

FILMS

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29 TUESDAY

★"Cabin Fever Crafts": Learning Express. After-school crafts program for kids ages 6 & up. 2-3 p.m., Learning Express, Westgate Shopping Center, 2465 W. Stadium. Free. Space limited; preregistration required. 997-0707.

U-M Men's Basketball vs. Iowa. This may be moved to March 1 or 2. 7 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$12 & \$15. 764-0247.

★"Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad": Liberty Borders. Jackie Tobin discusses her mesmerizing scholarly study of how quilts were made and used by American slaves as guides for escapees on the Underground Railroad. Also, signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★High School Introductory Evening: Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor. A chance to learn about the curriculum, meet the staff, and tour the facility of the Rudolf Steiner High School. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner High School in the Genesis Bldg. (St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth), 2309 Packard. Free. 669-9394.

★Da Chen: Shaman Drum Bookshop. Chen reads from *Colors of the Mountain*, his recently published coming-of-age memoir of life in China during the Cultural Revolution. Signing, refreshments. 8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookshop, 315 S. State. Free. 662-7407.

Wayne "The Train" Hancock: The Ark. Described variously as "the master of hillbilly swing" and "Hank Williams Meets George Gershwin," this Texas singer-songwriter and guitarist fuses a wildcat lyrical sensibility with hard-core country music that blends honky-tonk twang, swing rhythms, and rockabilly flash. He performs with a band. 8 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$11 in advance at Borders on Liberty, Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

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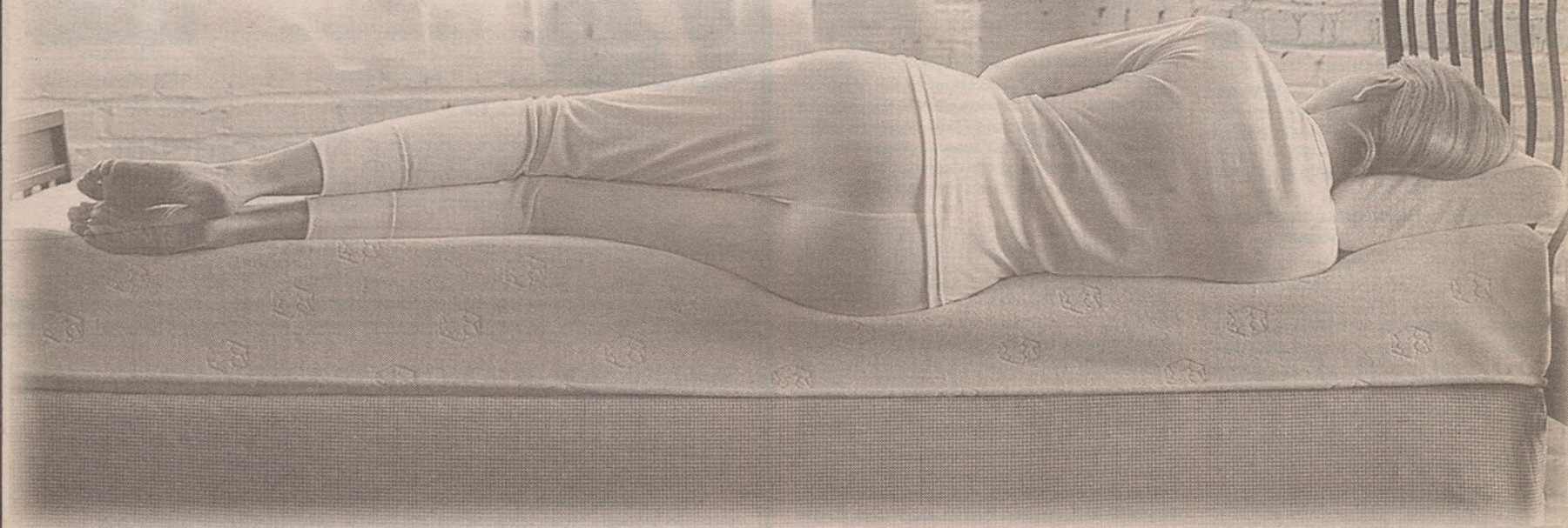


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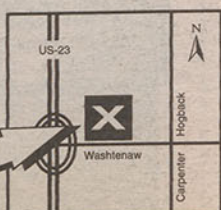
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Amer's

312 S. State 327-2041

The location of this popular deli across from the Diag features live music Thurs.-Sat., 8-10:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 2: Mike Beattie.** Acoustic folk and rock by this Whitmore Lake singer-guitarist. **Feb. 4: Scott Rogers.** Local singer-songwriter and guitarist whose upbeat folk-rock reflects influences by everyone from Springsteen to the Goo Goo Dolls. **Feb. 5: Dave Nefesh.** Emotional, thought-provoking folk-rock by this Royal Oak singer-songwriter. **Feb. 10: Don Smock.** Labor and solidarity songs and other traditional American music by this Detroit folksinger. Opening act is **Paul Kasurin**, a folk-rock singer-songwriter in the style of post-Beatles John Lennon. **Feb. 11: Rick Stachura.** See Zou Zou's. **Feb. 12: Michael Wagner.** Local singer-guitarist whose repertoire includes Delta blues, folk tunes, and folk-based originals. Opening acts are **Geoffrey Estey**, a local guitarist who performs jazz & classical pieces, along with original pop songs, and **Dave Walsh**, an East Coast singer-songwriter who plays idiosyncratic, twitchy pop-folk. **Feb. 17: Jenny Boyer.** Local singer-songwriter who writes contemporary acoustic songs. Opening acts are **Kristine Pettersen** (see Crazy Wisdom) and **Jim Presley**, a singer-songwriter from Rockwood, Michigan, who writes witty, folk-flavored songs. **Feb. 18: Scott Rogers.** See above. **Feb. 19: MerGin.** "Spooky folk-rock from Hell (Michigan)" by the duo of brothers Joe and Gary Gingras, who accent their music with a number of percussion instruments, including the aqua harp (water chimes). **Feb. 24: Jim Presley.** See above. **Feb. 25: Rick Stachura.** See Zou Zou's. **Feb. 26: Liz Momblanco.** See Zou Zou's.

Arbor Brewing Company

114 E. Washington 213-1393

This downtown brewpub features live music on Wed., Thurs., and occasional other nights, 9 p.m.-midnight unless otherwise noted. No cover, no dancing. **Every Wed.: Ann Arbor Irish Ensemble.** Celtic and North American fiddle music by this local 8-piece acoustic band led by the rhythm section of fiddler and drummer Pam Meisel, bassist Todd Perkins, and well-known local graphic artist Allan Reid on fiddle and banjo. 8:30-11 p.m. **Feb. 3: Motor City Sheiks.** Jump blues originals by this Detroit quartet led by blues harpist and vocalist Mark Robinson and former Detroit Blues Band guitarist Emmanuel Garza. The band recently released its debut CD, *Working Everyday*. **Feb. 13: Tangerine Trousers.** Spunky pop-rock with tight vocal harmonies by this Ferndale quartet. **Feb. 17: The Blue Rays.** Local blues band led by guitarist Dave Kaftan. **Feb. 24: Steve Nardella Rock 'n' Roll Trio.** Ann Arbor's most passionate and compelling roots-rocker performs fiercely cathartic, blues-drenched reworkings of rock 'n' roll and rockabilly classics and obscure gems, along with some authentic Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker blues. **Feb. 27: The Original Brothers & Sisters of Love.** Folk-rock originals by this local quintet whose music is an eclectic mix of Appalachian music, prog-rock, and sea shanties. Led by singer-songwriter-guitarists Tim and Jamie Monger (who also play accordion and mandolin, respectively), the band also includes bassist Scott McClintock, guitarist Greg McIntosh, violinist Liz Auchinville, and a percussionist TBA.

The Ark

316 S. Main 761-1451

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ers are offered their own evenings at the Ark. \$3 (members & students, \$2). **Feb. 4: Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band.** Authentic Louisiana zydeco. See Events. **Feb. 5: Mustard's Retreat.** Veteran local folk duo. See Events. **Feb. 8: The Mollys.** Celtic- and Tex-Mex-flavored folk-rock quartet from Arizona. See Events. **Feb. 9: Lowen & Navarro.** Acoustic folk-rock duo from San Francisco. See Events. **Feb. 10: Corey Harris.** Highly regarded young African American acoustic blues singer-guitarist. See Events. **Feb. 13: The Limelinters.** Veteran pop-folk trio. See Events. 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 15: Triakel.** Swedish folk trio. See Events. **Feb. 16: Junior Brown.** Honky-tonk singer-songwriter and guitarist. See Events. **Feb. 17: Eric Andersen.** Veteran folkie singer-songwriter. See Events. **Feb. 18: RFD Boys.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites. They have appeared in numerous festivals and even made the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-songs dialogue. They have several recordings, including *Live and Unrehearsed*, a recording of a 1994 Ark performance. **Feb. 19: Community High Jazz Ensemble.** Award-winning local high school ensemble. See Events. **Feb. 20: Eric Bibb and Ellis Paul.** Singer-songwriter double bill. See Events. **Feb. 22: Voices on the Verge.** Ensemble of 4 young East Coast female singer-songwriters. FREE. See Events. **Feb. 24: Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings.** Veteran Chicago R&B band. See Events. **Feb. 25 & 26: "12th Annual Storytelling Weekend."** Adult concerts with three different storytellers on February 25 & 26 (8 p.m.) and a family concert on February 26 (1 p.m.). See Events. **Feb. 27: John Prine and Maura O'Connell.** "Once in a Lifetime" double bill. See Events. 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 29: Wayne "The Train" Hancock.** Texas-based singer-songwriter dubbed "the master of hillbilly swing." See Events.

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Chris Buhalis

Singing past the pain

Chris Buhalis's songs are built on simple folk melodies that can lull you into a reverie before you realize that the song is about struggle. "Love's just a-runnin' / And being chased by pain," he sings, deceptively soothing, in his song "Time." There's often a tinge of melancholy in his lyrics, but they're ultimately about a search for strength. "Been singing mostly sad songs / In everybody's voice but my own," begins the title track on his 1998 CD *Kenai Dreams*. As the resolve in his singing makes clear, what follows is about a quest for contentedness and a truer voice.

Sometimes, the struggles are political. Buhalis is the oldest kind of guitar hero—a protest singer who carries himself with a plainspoken authority in the tradition of Woody Guthrie. His song "Employee 1209" tells the powerful story of an auto worker who lived through the historic union battles of the 1930s; performing live, he often dedicates it to locked-out Detroit newspaper workers. Last year, at a benefit for the land-preservation group Friends of the Bluffs, he began his set with the perfect song for the occasion: Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land."

A Detroit native, Buhalis has been deeply influenced by Texas singer-songwriters like Ray Wylie Hubbard and the late Townes Van Zandt. He includes a

Van Zandt cover or two in most of his sets—touching versions of classics like "Pancho & Lefty" and "To Live Is to Fly." He befriended his hero in the last years of his life, and Van Zandt sang backing vocals on the recording of "Kenai Dreams" not long before he died.

Like the Texas troubadours, Buhalis sings about travel and trial, and he delivers hard-won truths with a deceptive simplicity. His empathy is clearest on the character sketch "Mary's Song." When his voice rises to sing Mary's words about her lost love—"My sweet thing's in the desert now / And I don't even cry"—it's heartbreaking.

At one of his shows, Buhalis introduced a song that he wrote after going to Van Zandt's funeral. "Believe me, I know sad songs," he reassured the crowd. "This ain't one of those." In one verse, he sings about Van Zandt's young daughter smiling at him at the funeral—"As I gaze at her," he tells his late friend, "I see / You in small disguise." In a final verse reminiscent of Van Zandt's own emotional imagery, Buhalis sees him in a dream, "Singing songs note for note up towards the sky / Just to catch them as they fall." Beyond the sweet melodies, beyond the knowledge of life's pain, Buhalis is a songwriter who always lays claim to strength and hope.

Chris Buhalis hosts the Monday night acoustic open mikes at the Tap Room in Ypsilanti, and performs during happy hour at the Del Rio Tuesday, February 8. —Erick Trickey



J. ADRIAN WYLLIE

Hijazi performs traditional Arabic music on the oud and flamenco on the guitar. **Feb. 12: No music.** **Feb. 19: Hijazi & Bering.** Traditional music of Palestine, Syria, Morocco, and Egypt by the duo of Bishr Hijazi on Arabic strings (oud, buzuk, and rabab) and flute and Glenn Bering on a variety of percussion instruments, including rabab, tabla, tar, and def. **Feb. 26: Carlson & Bering.** Flamenco duo of guitarist John Carlson and percussionist Glenn Bering.

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207 S. Ashley 662-8310

This intimate jazz club co-owned by prominent jazz bassist Ron Brooks will soon be moving—perhaps as early as the end of the month—to Main Street, in the basement below the Ark. Live music seven nights a week, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. (Fri.-Mon.) & 8 p.m.-midnight (Tues.-Thurs.). Cover (unless otherwise noted), no dancing. **Every Sun.: Paul Finkbeiner & Friends.** Popular, high-energy jam session led by trumpeter Finkbeiner. No cover. **Every Mon.: Bird of Paradise Orchestra.** 14-piece ensemble organized by bassists Ron Brooks and Paul Keller to showcase original compositions and arrangements by musicians from southeastern Michigan. The varying lineup includes local and area jazz musicians. **Every Tues.: The Keller-Kocher Quartet.** Mainstream jazz by this top-notch local quartet featuring bassist Paul Keller, vibes player Cary Kocher, pianist Phil Kelly, and drummer Pete Siers. **Every Wed.: Los Gatos.** Mambo and cha-cha by this local Latin jazz band that specializes in the music of Cal Tjader, the late San Francisco vibes player who ignited the 1950s mambo craze. Led by drummer Pete Siers, the group also includes vibes player Cary Kocher, bassist Kurt Krahnke, pianist Brian DiBlasio, and

percussionist Jonathan Ovalle. **Every Thurs.: Ron Brooks Trio.** One of the state's finest jazz bassists, club co-owner Brooks is joined by pianist Ellen Rowe or Bill Heid and drummer Pete Siers. **Every Fri.: E-Z Street Swingtet.** Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter Paul Klinger. 5-8 p.m. **Feb. 4 & 5: Ron Brooks Trio.** See above. **Feb. 11 & 12: Jeannine Miller & the Vincent Shandor Trio.** This Detroit-area jazz vocalist, a U-M music school grad, performs jazz standards, ballads, & blues. She is backed by a trio led by pianist Shandor. The group has a fine CD, *Live at the Dearborn Inn*. **Feb. 18 & 19: Ingrid Jensen.** This acclaimed young hard-bop jazz trumpeter, a Vancouver native who has performed extensively in Europe, is known for her rich, resonant tone and fiery attack. She has released 3 CDs on the Enja label. Jensen is backed by pianist Ellen Rowe, drummer Jeff Hamilton, and bassist John Clayton. **Feb. 25 & 26: Paul Vornhagen Quartet.** Upbeat Latin jazz and swing-bop by this ensemble led by local saxophonist and flutist Vornhagen. With bassist Kurt Krahnke, drummer Randy Marsh, and pianist Sven Anderson.

The Blind Pig

208 S. First St. 996-8555

This local music club features live music five nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-of-town rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., and DJs (usually) on Sun. (8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.). If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Closed most Mon. Cover (except Fri. happy hour), dancing. **Every Sun.: Swing-a-Billy.** DJ Del Villareal spins swing, jump blues, and rockabilly records. Also, free swing & jitterbug dance lessons (8-9 p.m.). **Every Tues.: "Showcase Night."** With four different young local bands each week. **Feb. 2: Hipbone.** Alternative rock 'n' roll band from Vermont. Opening acts are **Blue-V-10**, an alternative rock 'n' roll band from Chelsea, and **Cornish in a Turtleneck**, an inventive experimental pop trio from Ypsilanti with a locally acclaimed debut CD, *It's Broasted*. **Feb. 3: "Beck After-Party!"** Aimed at appealing to folks getting out of tonight's Beck concert at Hill Auditorium, the lineup includes Beck's DJ, **DJ Swamp**, who per-

forms a short guest set with **Superaction**, a rap-rock band from Ypsilanti. Also, **Muzzle, Inc.**, a Detroit-area punk band that blends rap and hardcore. **Feb. 4: Funktelligence.** Very popular local funk-oriented jazz-rock band with a penchant for psychedelia. Tonight the band celebrates the release of a new CD, *Until Now*. Opening act is **All That**, a New Orleans ensemble that plays horn-driven, funky R&B. **Feb. 5: Electric Boogaloo.** Hippie rock band from Ypsilanti that recently released its debut CD, *Blues for the Dog*. Opening act is **Haribu** (see Rick's). **Feb. 9: Solar.** Techno music with DJs Carl Craig and Kenny Larkin. **Feb. 10: Small Craft Sighting.** Local postpunk rock 'n' roll band. Opening acts are two similar bands, **Saltwater** and **Fedora**. **Feb. 11: Six Clips.** New local rock 'n' roll band led by former Getaway Cruiser singer-guitarists Chris and Drew Peters. **Feb. 12: TBA.** **Feb. 16: Warmth.** Hippie jam band from Lansing. **Feb. 17: Old 97s.** Tentative. Acclaimed country-flavored postpunk quartet from Dallas. See Events. **Feb. 18: Meropox.** This U-M student quintet plays jam-oriented rock 'n' roll originals and covers. **Feb. 19: Ui.** Postrock instrumental pop band from New York City. See Events. **Feb. 23: Moss.** Local rap-rock band. Opening acts are **Forge**, a local industrial-metal trio, and **Deity**, a local heavy-metal band. **Feb. 24: Sublimation.** Local hard-rock quartet that describes its music as "psychedelic space-ranger rock on hyperdrive." Opening acts are **Strut**, an all-female local thrash band with a theatrical flair that's led by former Whiptail singer-guitarist Marinda Hamann, and **Rhudabega**, a bass-and-drums punk-rock duo from New Orleans. **Feb. 25: Mazinga.** Ypsilanti band that plays rough, raw, Detroit-style rock 'n' roll. Opening acts are **The Triggers**, a talented, inventive local soul-oriented, low-fi garage-pop band, and **Cobra Youth**, a local punk band. **Feb. 26: The Gruesomes.** Postgrunge rock 'n' roll band from Ypsilanti. Opening acts are **Soot**, an Ypsilanti band that plays Ramones-style punk originals, and **Sex Machine**, an Ypsilanti band that plays 4-on-the-floor rock 'n' roll.

Cafe Felix

204 S. Main 662-8650
This downtown cafe features live music Fri., 9 p.m.-midnight. No cover, no dancing. **Every Fri.: Randy Napoleon Quartet.** Jazz standards and originals, from bebop to modern styles, by a quartet led by this local guitarist. With drummer Dave Brophy, bassist Justin Marx, and a trumpeter TBA.

Cavern Club

210 S. First 332-9900
This downtown club, in the Celebration Cellars banquet space in the basement under the former Antiques Market Place, features live music Wed.-Sat. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover, dancing. Ages 21 & older admitted. **Every Thurs.: "Hip-Hop Night."** With DJ Trenz. **Feb. 4: Lady Sunshine & the X Band.** Local gospel-flavored blues band led by Lady Sunshine, a fiery, rich-voiced singer whose style is something of a cross between Aretha Franklin, Koko Taylor, and Denise LaSalle. **Feb. 5: Al Hill & the Love Butlers.** Soulful swing, New Orleans-style funk, and boogie-woogie blues by this local band led by Hill's wailing vocals and pumping piano. The band has a CD, *Willie Mae*. **Feb. 11: George Bedard & the Kingpins.** Superfine honky-tonk dance tunes from swing to vintage blues, country, rockabilly, and early rock 'n' roll classics, with some memorable originals penned by guitar genius Bedard. With drummer Rich Dishman and bassist Randy Tessier. The band has released 2 acclaimed CDs, *Hip Deep* and *Upside*. **Feb. 12: Bugs Beddow Band.** Versatile horn-driven R&B, boogie-rock, blues, and jazz ensemble led by veteran Detroit trombonist Beddow. **Feb. 18: Joce'lyn B & the Detroit Street Players.** Detroit blues band led by Joce'lyn B, a popular vocalist who's said to blend the voice of "Bessie Smith, the attitude of Mae West, and the mouth of Moms Mabley." Her recently released debut CD, *Bitch a da Blues*, features originals that range from the racy "Sweet Potato Pie" to the poignant "Chase Away the Blues," along with covers of "Walking the Dog," "Mustang Sally," and the Hayes & Porter standard "When Something Is Wrong with My Baby." **Feb. 19: Starlight Drifters.** Rockabilly and honky-tonk originals and covers by this local quartet led by indomitable local rocker Chris Casello, who plays electric and steel guitar. With vocalist Billy Alton, bassist Rudy Varner, acoustic guitarist Mike Thompson, and drummer Mark Gray. The band's recently released 2nd CD, *Every Note a Pearl*, comes with a recommendation from Jack Scott, whose immortal "The

Way I Walk" the band covers. **Feb. 25 (6-9 p.m.): Drivin' Sideways.** Veteran local country band whose repertoire is rooted in classic honky-tonk but extends to cover everything from early Chuck Berry to Sam & Dave to the Meters. With guitarist Bob Schetter, bassist Chris Goerke, drummer Mark Newbound, and pedal steel guitarist Mark O'Boyle. **Feb. 25: Thornetta Davis.** Soulful, rocking Detroit-style R&B by this Etta James-style vocalist. Currently backed by Ooh Papa Da, a quartet that includes three former members of Big Chief. Davis has a Sub Pop CD, *Sunday Morning Music*. **Feb. 26: Mudpuppy.** R&B, funk, soul, & blues band from Royal Oak led by guitarist Mark Pasman.

City Limits

2900 Jackson Rd. 665-4444
Lounge at the Clarion Hotel. Dance bands on weekends, jam sessions on Wed., and a DJ on Thurs. 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Cover (Fri. & Sat. only), dancing. **Every Thurs.: Latin Night.** A DJ spins Latin dance records. **Every Fri. & Sat.:** A DJ spins Top 40 dance records.

Conor O'Neill's

318 S. Main 665-2968
Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. (6:30-10 p.m.) & Tues.-Thurs. (9 a.m.-2 a.m.). **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session.** All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. **Every Tues.: Irish Session.** Open mike for singers and instrumentalists. **Feb. 2: Len Wallace.** Traditional Irish songs by this Diggers vocalist. **Feb. 3: Gerard Smith & Terry Murphy.** Traditional Irish music by this singer-guitarist duo. **Feb. 10: Finnigan's Way.** Traditional and contemporary Irish drinking music. **Feb. 16: Len Wallace.** See above. **Feb. 17: Brian Mason.** Traditional and contemporary Irish music by this Finnigan's Way lead vocalist. **Feb. 24: Finnigan's Way.** See above.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room

114 S. Main 665-9468
This tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music occasional Fri., 8:30-10:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 4: John Kinney.** Acoustic folk and classic rock covers by this local singer-guitarist. **Feb. 11: Karl Sikkenga.** Acoustic originals by this local singer-songwriter and guitarist. **Feb. 18: TBA.** **Feb. 25: Kristine Pettersen.** Soulful, provocative urban originals by this local singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist. Tonight she celebrates the release of her new CD, *Paradise*.

Cross Street Station

511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti 485-5050
Live dance bands Fri. & Sat., DJs Sun.-Tues., and open mike on Wed. Dancing, cover. **Every Sun.: Super Mod Ska Explosion.** With "Sound Scientist" Chuck Damage. Ages 18 & older admitted. No cover. **Every Mon.: Havoc Presents.** DJs with hip-hop and other dance music. **Every Tues.: Retro Dance Party.** DJ Speed E. Smith plays 70s & 80s dance music. **Every Wed.: Open Mike Night.** All solo musicians and bands invited. Advance sign-up required. **Feb. 3: Joe Fate.** Postpunk rock 'n' roll. **Feb. 4: TBA.** **Feb. 5: Ubiquitous.** Opening act is the Urbanites. **Feb. 10: Branded.** **Feb. 11: Inside 11 Minutes.** Opening act is Moods from Modern. **Feb. 12: TBA.** **Feb. 17: Brothers Groove.** Funk band. **Feb. 18: Muzzle, Inc.** See Blind Pig. Opening act is Buddha Fulla Rhymez, a Detroit rap-metal band. **Feb. 19: Krescent 4.** Blues-rock band from Blissfield. Opening act is Blissfield (see Elbow Room). **Feb. 24: Uan.** **Feb. 25: The Flo.** 7-piece Detroit funk band. **Feb. 26: Big Ass Ham.** Opening act is Steady State.

Crow Bar

309 S. Main 668-0111
This downtown club features live pianists, Fri.-Sat., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover, no dancing. **Every Fri. & Sat.: "Dueling Pianos."** A wide range of popular standards and pop hits by 2 or 3 singer-pianists, including Jim Bearup, Dana Croll, and Craig McMahon.

Del Rio

122 W. Washington 761-2530
No cover, no dancing. Live music Sun., 5:30-9 p.m., and Tues., 5-7 p.m. **Feb. 1: Delta 88.** Classy local country trio led by singer-songwriter and guitarist Danny Kline and featuring guitarist Alex Anest and bassist John Sperendi. **Feb. 6: Rick Burgess Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by pianist Burgess and featuring alto saxophonist Vincent York. **Feb. 8: Chris Buhalis.** See review, p. 87. This popular

local singer-songwriter sings engaging folk-country originals in a rich, warm voice. He has released a CD, *Kenai Dreams*. **Feb. 13: Brad Felt Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by horn player Felt. **Feb. 15: K. C. Groves & the Biscuit Rollers.** Country-flavored folk-rock originals by this band led by singer-songwriter Groves, who plays mandolin and guitar. **Feb. 20: Rick Burgess Quartet.** See above. **Feb. 22: Summers, Delaney, & Sharp.** Acoustic gypsy swing in the style of Django Reinhardt by the local trio of guitarists Joe Summers and Brian Delaney and upright bassist Dave Sharp. **Feb. 27: Los Gatos.** See Bird of Paradise. **Feb. 29: Old #7.** Traditional English folk songs about love, death, and thirst by the local ensemble of guitarist and mandolinist Roger Possley, guitarist Sean Rogers, violinist Myrek Bobek, and bassist Rich Rickman.

The Drowsy Parrot

105 N. Ann Arbor Rd., Saline 429-8595
This Saline coffeehouse features open mikes on Thurs. and live music on occasional Fri. & Sat., 8-10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Thurs.: Open Mike.** All acoustic musicians, poets, and storytellers invited. Hosted by local singer-songwriter Dave Boutette. **Every Fri.:** TBA.

The Earle

121 W. Washington 994-0211
Restaurant with live jazz Mon.-Sat., 8-10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon.: Rick Burgess.** Solo piano. **Every Tues.: Rick Roe.** Solo piano. **Every Wed.: David Froeth.** Solo piano. **Every Thurs.: Jake Reichbart.** Solo jazz guitarist. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Rick Burgess Trio.** Jazz ensemble featuring pianist Burgess, drummer Robert Warren, and a bassist TBA.

Elbow Room

6 S. Washington, Ypsilanti 483-6374
This Ypsilanti tavern features DJs on Wed. & Sat., and live music Sun.-Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: Blues Open Mike.** All blues musicians invited. **Every Tues.: Blues Jam Session.** Hosted by The Shed Davis Revue, a local blues and blues-rock band. **Every Wed.: Retro Rock Dance Party.** With DJ Charlie Frey. **Every Thurs.: Live bands TBA.** **Feb. 4 & 5: Second Banana.** Local rock 'n' roll band. **Feb. 11 & 12: Another Round.** 50s, 60s, & contemporary rock 'n' roll by this veteran local outfit formerly known as the Billy Band. **Feb. 18, 19, & 25: Steven K. & the Parlor Dogs.** Local blues and blues-rock band. **Feb. 26: Blissfield.** Alternative rock 'n' roll band from Blissfield.

Espresso Royale Caffe

214 S. Main 668-1838
The downtown location of this popular coffeehouse features live music on Fri. (9-11 p.m.) and Sat. (8-10 p.m.). **Feb. 4: David Mosher.** An eclectic mix of acoustic originals by this popular local singer-songwriter and virtuoso guitarist who has released a CD, *Sycamore Tree*. **Feb. 5: Ashley Peacock.** Postmodern pop-folk by this singer-guitarist from Flint. **Feb. 11: The Runaway Truckers.** Local country swing trio that includes multi-instrumentalist Myron Grant, bassist Glenn Bering, and fiddler Mary Seelhorst. **Feb. 12: Al Massey.** Folk-rock originals and covers by this singer-guitarist, frontman of the Still. **Feb. 18: Coupe de Grass.** Local bluegrass band led by banjoist Lee Kaufmann and featuring twin fiddles and intricate vocal harmonies. **Feb. 19: Chris McCall Band.** Adult alternative rock by this Detroit quartet led by singer-songwriter McCall. **Feb. 25: Ethan Margolis.** This local flamenco vocalist is accompanied by guitarist Mark Ferguson and percussionist Glenn Bering. **Feb. 26: The Nouveau Gypsy Dancers.** Three dancers from around the country showcase different styles of gypsy dance, including beledi, veil dancing, and sword dancing.

Gandy Dancer

401 Depot 769-0592
Restaurant with live piano every night. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun. (10 a.m.-2 p.m.): Charles Gabriel Jazz Trio.** Vintage New Orleans jazz by a Detroit trio led by singer-bassist (and New Orleans native) Gabriel. **Every Sun. (3:30-9 p.m.): Alice Rhodes.** Solo piano. **Every Mon.-Wed. (6-11 p.m.): Tim Howley.** This local pianist plays a variety of popular music and takes requests. **Every Thurs. (6-9 p.m.), Fri. (5:30-9 p.m.), & Sat. (6**

p.m.-midnight): **Carl Alexius.** Veteran local jazz pianist who takes requests for oldies.

The Gypsy Cafe

214 N. Fourth Ave. 994-3940
This coffeehouse features live music in its back room on weekends and occasional nights, 8 p.m.-midnight (unless otherwise noted). Cover (weekends only), no dancing. **Feb. 2: "Jack the Giant Killer."** Puppet show. **Feb. 4: "More Spins."** With DJ Justin. No cover. **Feb. 5: "Jeremy Returns with Jazz Jazz."** No cover. **Feb. 9: The Shoddy Puppet Company.** Puppet show. 6 p.m. **Feb. 11: TBA.** **Feb. 12: Blue Tango.** Local folk- and blues-inflected rock 'n' roll quintet led by vocalist Surry Scheerer and guitarist Jack Scheerer. **Feb. 18: "Rocksteady."** Live bands TBA. **Feb. 19: Been There, Done What?** Local jazz ensemble. **Feb. 24: Storm & Stress.** Free-rock band from Chicago. 9 p.m.-midnight. **Feb. 25: No music.** **Feb. 26: Tom McKernan.** Art show preview. 6 p.m. **Feb. 28: Golem.** New local jazz fusion quartet. With saxophonist Don Bennett, trumpeter Brian Lipson, bassist Toby Summerfield, and drummer Adam Segal.

The Habitat

3050 Jackson Rd. 665-3636
Lounge at Weber's Inn. Solo piano (6-9 p.m.) by **Adam Riccinto** (Tues.-Fri.) and **Tom Knapp** (Sat. & Sun.). Dancing, no cover. **Every Mon.: "Swank Life."** DJ Al Velour spins vintage big band records. Period attire encouraged. 4 p.m.-midnight. **Feb. 1-3: The Blue Suit Blues Band.** See Tap Room. **Feb. 4 & 5: Thornetta Davis.** See Cavern Club. **Feb. 8-12: Soulstice.** College rock cover band from East Lansing. **Feb. 15-19 & 22-24: The Buster Blues Band.** Local blues band led by singer-bassist Buster Wylie. **Feb. 25 & 26: Joce'lyn B & the Detroit Street Players.** See Cavern Club.

The Heidelberg

215 N. Main 663-7758
This rock 'n' roll club on the top floor of the Heidelberg restaurant features DJs Fri., 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. and a swing band on Sun., 7-9:30 p.m. Cover, dancing. Also, occasional live music in the basement Rathskeller (no cover), 8 p.m. until midnight or later. Ages 21 & older admitted unless otherwise noted. **Every Sun.: II-V-I Orchestra.** Late-30s swing and 40s R&B. See Events. 7-9:30 p.m. **Every Fri.: Latino Night.** DJ Carlos plays salsa, merengue, reggae, and other Latin dance records. Also, salsa lessons, 9:30-10:30 p.m.

Kerrytown Bistro

415 N. Fourth Ave. 994-6424
This Kerrytown restaurant features live jazz on Wed., 7-10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Wed.: Jake Reichbart.** Solo jazz guitarist.

Leonardo's

2101 Bonisteel Blvd. 764-7544
Performance area in the food court at the Pierpont Commons on the U-M North Campus. No dancing, no cover. **Every Wed.: Sachal Vasandani Quartet.** Jazz ensemble led by this young local pop-swing vocalist. Noon-2 p.m. **Every Thurs.: Thursday Night Jazz.** U-M music-student jazz ensembles TBA. **Feb. 11: 2nd Friday Swing Night.** Live swing band TBA. Preceded at 9 p.m. by swing dance lessons. 10 p.m.-midnight. **Feb. 18: Panchita.** Caribbean music. 9-11 p.m.

Lonely Hearts Club

211 E. Washington 913-5506
This downtown Beatles-themed restaurant features live music Fri., Sat., & occasional other nights, 9-11 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). All performers are required to open and close their sets with a Beatles song. Cover, no dancing. All ages admitted; no alcohol served. **Every Wed.: The Baston Pups.** 60s & 70s rock covers by this local band. No cover. 7-9 p.m. **Every Thurs.: Open Mike Night.** All musicians invited. No cover. 8-10 p.m. **Feb. 4: Steve Noltone & the Noltones.** Upbeat local swing band. **Feb. 5: The Still.** U-M student sextet that plays groove-oriented acoustic rock 'n' roll. **Feb. 11 & 12: TBA.** **Feb. 18: No music.** **Feb. 19: "Beatfest."** 4 hours of Beatles covers by 20 or so local bands. 8 p.m.-midnight. **Feb. 25: TBA.** **Feb. 26: The Jealous Type.** Uptempo local alternative rock band.

Mudd House

317 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti 482-8020
This coffeehouse near the EMU campus features occasional live music. No cover, no dancing. **Every**

Thurs.: Open Mike. All poets and musicians invited. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

The Nectarine

510 E. Liberty 994-5436
This popular local New York-style dance club features DJs five nights a week and live music occasionally on Mon., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover, dancing. **Every Fri.: Boys' Night Out.** With DJ Roger LeLievre. **Every Sat.: 70s & 80s Dance Party.** With DJ Roger LeLievre. **Every Tues.: Boys' Night Out.** See above. **Every Wed.: Disco Dance Party.** With DJ Groove Boy. **Every Thurs.: EuroBeat Dance Party.** European-style house, techno, and alternative dance music with DJ Roger LeLievre.

Rick's American Cafe

611 Church 996-2747
This campus-area club features DJs, Mon., Wed., & Thurs., and live music on weekends, 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Large dance floor. Dancing, cover. **Every Mon.: "Maui Mondays."** DJ John King plays a relaxing mix of dance and listening music. **Every Wed.: "Modern Dance Party."** DJ John King plays high-energy dance music. **Every Thurs. (except February 3): "Techno Dance Party."** With DJs from Supermack Productions. **Every Sat.: Dance music with DJ David (February 5 & 19) or DJ John King (February 12 & 26).** **Feb. 1:** TBA. **Feb. 3: Johnny Socko.** 8-piece ska band from Indianapolis. **Feb. 4: Re: Boot.** 6-piece cover band with a great light show that plays everything from Nine Inch Nails to disco. **Feb. 8: Haribu.** This local quartet plays Phish covers and similarly styled originals. **Feb. 11: The Bomb.** College rock cover band from East Lansing. **Feb. 15: TBA.** **Feb. 18: The Haywoods.** Rock 'n' roll cover band. **Feb. 22: Haribu.** See above. **Feb. 25: Insol.** College rock cover band from East Lansing. **Feb. 29: TBA.**

Tap Room

201 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 482-5320
This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music five nights a week and a DJ on Thurs., usually 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., with karaoke on Sun., 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Cover (Fri. & Sat. only), dancing. **Every Mon.: Open Mike Unplugged.** Hosted by Chris Buhalis (see review, p. 87), a local singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist. All acoustic performers invited. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. **Every Tues.: Blues Jam.** Hosted by the The Terraplanes, a local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. With two regular guests, guitarist Laif Alsadi and harmonica player Danny Pratt. All bands and musicians invited. **Every Wed.: Open Mike.** Hosted by The Martindales, a local band led by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley that plays blues and rock covers and originals. All acoustic and electric musicians invited. **Every Thurs.: "Free Play Juke Box Night."** Dance or listen to the tunes on the Tap Room's well-stocked juke box—for free! **Feb. 4: The Diamond Dukes.** Detroit R&B band. **Feb. 5: Steve Nardella Rock 'n' Roll Trio.** See Arbor Brewing. **Feb. 11: The Blue Hawks.** Detroit-area blues and rock quartet fronted by saxophonist Kelly "Hurricane" Connor. **Feb. 12: The Terraplanes.** See above. **Feb. 18 & 19: Witch Doctors.** This local blues and R&B band led by singer-guitarist Thayrone, best known as the host of WEMU's nationally syndicated *Bone Conduction Music Show*, plays what Thayrone calls "way-strong mojo, ritualistic barroom blues healing." Lead vocalist is veteran country/blues singer Jim Tate, who also plays blues harp and guitar. With bassist Furry and drummer Mike "The Hammer" Stutso. **Feb. 25: The Blue Suit Blues Band.** Traditional post-war blues, jump blues, and barroom swing by this acclaimed Detroit quartet led by singer-guitarist Doug Deming. **Feb. 26: The Jump Cats.** Jump blues by this Detroit band that includes former members of Eureka Blue Moon.

TC's Speakeasy

207 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 483-4470
This downtown Ypsilanti tavern features DJs on Mon., Wed., & Thurs. (9 p.m.-1 a.m.) and dance bands on Fri. & Sat. (9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.). Also, karaoke on Tues. & Trivia Night on Wed. Solo piano by Art Stephan on Fri., 6-9 p.m. Dancing, no cover unless otherwise noted. **Every Sun.: "Shaken Not Stirred."** DJ plays vintage swing and pop standards. 8 p.m.-midnight. **Every Thurs.: "Homegrown Night."** Showcase of up-and-coming local musicians and bands. **Feb. 4: Clovis Diner.** Modern rock by this EMU student band. Opening act is Driverside, also a contemporary rock 'n' roll band. **Feb. 5: Deep Space 6.** Local Grateful Dead cover band. **Feb. 11:**

Smokestack. Bluesy, groove-oriented Ypsilanti quintet. **Feb. 12: Starlight Drifters.** See Cavern Club. **Feb. 18: Cool & Company.** Oldies, doo-wop, and classic rock by this quartet led by former TC's owner Ty Cool. **Feb. 19: Electric Boogaloo.** See Blind Pig. **Feb. 25: Funktelligence.** See Blind Pig. **Feb. 26: 3 Speed.** Classy postpunk pop-rock trio from Chelsea that includes Holy Cows drummer Mike Popovich and two former members of Brothers Grimm.

Theo-Doors

705 W. Cross, Ypsilanti 485-6720
This EMU campus-area restaurant turns into a dance club after 10 p.m. Disco karaoke on Wed. Cover, dancing. **Every Mon., Thurs., & Sat.: Modern & Retro.** DJs spin Top 40 dance tunes. **Every Tues.: Swing Night.** DJ spins vintage and contemporary swing records. Free swing dance lessons. **Every Wed.: Retro & Disco.** DJs spin Top 40 dance tunes. **Feb. 4: Code Bloom.** Alternative rock 'n' roll trio from Westland. Opening act is Son of Adam, a Detroit rock 'n' roll band. **Feb. 11, 18, & 25: Live bands TBA.**

Touchdown Cafe

1220 South University 665-7777
This campus-area cafe features DJs Thurs.-Sat., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover, dancing. **Every Thurs.-Sat.: DJs TBA** play hip-hop and other dance records.

Zou Zou's Cafe

101 N. Main, Chelsea 433-4226
This Chelsea cafe features live music Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.-midnight. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 4: Paul Kasurin.** See Amer's. Opening act is singer-songwriter Curt Waugh. **Feb. 5: Rick Stachura.** Poetic alterna-folk by this local singer-songwriter. Opening act is Kristine Pettersen (see Crazy Wisdom). **Feb. 11: Jim Presley.** See Amer's. Opening act is Kristine Pettersen (see Crazy Wisdom). **Feb. 12: Scott Rogers.** See Amer's. Opening act is Loyse, a country-folk singer-songwriter from Stockbridge whose singing style is said to recall Gordon Lightfoot. **Feb. 18: Don Smock.** See Amer's. Opening act is Mike Anton, a blues- and folk-based singer-songwriter who recently released the CD *The Detroit Auto Show? . . . and Other Suspended Acts of Disbelief*. **Feb. 19: Liz Momblanco,** a folk-rock singer-songwriter from Farmington. **Feb. 25: Mike Beattie.** See Amer's. **Feb. 26: Gregory Stovetop.** Pop-folk originals influenced by Tom Petty and Bob Dylan by this local singer-songwriter. Opening act is Kjell Crose, a finger-style acoustic guitarist and singer from Marshall whose repertoire includes blues, swing, bluegrass, fiddle tunes, and rock 'n' roll, along with some originals. ■



Local favorite Irish American singer Maura O'Connell joins another folk-country star, John Prine, at the Ark's Feb. 27 "Once in a Lifetime" concert.

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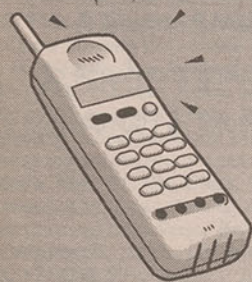
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To place your FREE Observer Personals ad, fill out and send in the form on page 93.

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To listen and respond to Observer Personals ads, call
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Call costs \$1.95 per minute.
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Personals Key

A=Asian	L=Letters
B=Black	LTR=Long Term Relationship
C=Christian	M=Male
D=Divorced	ND=Nondrinker
F=Female	NS=Nonsmoker
G=Gay	☎=Phone Calls
H=Hispanic	P=Professional
H/WP=Height & Weight Proportionate	S=Single
ISO=In Search Of	W=White
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Women Seeking Men

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18 or older. Touch-Tone phone. \$1.95/min. Resolve to find the right SWPF in 2000? Try me—sexy, educated, funny, honest, and full-figured seeks SPM, 30-40, who values laughter, depth, open communication, and fun. This could be your last call! ☎1084

If this is as good as it gets, I'll still be happy. But what if we meet and it gets better? DWF, 43, classy, sassy, ISO SM, NS, with integrity. ☎1079

DWPF, 39, 5'5", cute, fit, educated, non-religious, childless, NS/ND, affectionate, considerate, and honest. Interests include dancing, tumbling, skiing, reading, swimming, live theater, alternative films, and weight training. ISO healthy LTR. Race open. ☎1077

SWF with herpes, 44, petite, attractive, spunky, athletic, artist. ISO dog-loving man with similar spirit who enjoys repartee. No golfers, please. ☎1075

DWF, 50s, hazel-eyed brunette, petite, intelligent, upbeat, enjoys nature, arts, conversation. Seeking man under 6' for dating. ☎1093

Active, attractive, fit, SWPF, 50, petite, enjoys tennis, golf, family, and friends. ISO fit WM, 42-52, who enjoys an active, fun lifestyle. NS. ☎1025

Petite brunette seeks kind, intelligent man for companionship and more. I love theater, classical music, jazz, and blues. I am a warm, loving widow who could be crazy about and devoted to a man who is equally passionate. Age 50-60. Is it you? ☎1097

Beautiful blonde Sicilian. Blue eyes, 5'6", 130 lbs., mid 30s. Loves to work out, read, travel (esp. Mexico, Italy, & Middle East). Catholic. Seeks handsome, single man, 30-42, with similar interests for LTR. ☎1095

Big cars don't impress me; big hearts do. Svelte, pretty, SWPF, 38, ISO openhearted/creative yet balanced/responsible, liberal, NS, DPM, 36-43, who wants to remarry and is on good terms with ex. Hoping to share music, good film, literature, dancing, camping, close friends, spiritual moments, laughter, passion, and someday, children. ☎1072

Petite pixie, SWPF, 34, fanciful, passionate, warm, and affectionate seeks NS, SWPM, 30s, to create magic within friendship, romance, LTR. ☎1098

Sensitive, smart, secular, slender, WPF who enjoys family, friends, food, and film ISO attractive M, 45-55, who is wise, witty, worldly, and wonderful. ☎1058

SWF, 43, blonde/blue, with a dazzling smile and generous spirit, seeks S/DWM to share the adventures of the world. I travel light, but always carry the essentials: intelligence, laughter, courage, and an open mind. Pack your bags (partnership, trust, passion, affection) and meet me at the station (or Starbucks). ☎1108

Move into the millennium with this NS/ND, slim, pretty, warm, witty, SWPF seeking intelligent, personable, SWPM, 40-50. Ready to share a loving, joyful life! ☎1042

SF, 38, many fine qualities, seeking smart, funny, feisty guy who likes to dance. ☎1078

Tu: HM culto, 50ish, unattached. Yo: WPF, attractive, carinosa. Juntos: sharing amistad bilingue, fun activities at first. ☎1076

Men Seeking Women

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18 or older. Touch-Tone phone. \$1.95/min. Youthful, active, degreed, SM, 46, enjoys cooking from scratch, blues from the lowlands, camping and exploring the countryside, a good merlot, log homes. Avid golfer, into working out regularly. Seeking a woman who appreciates the beauty of simplicity. ☎1089

SWM, 44, 5'7", 160 lbs., intelligent, fit, dark eyes/hair, financially secure. Enjoys horses; canoeing; water & x-c skiing; quiet, romantic evenings; fireplaces. ISO SWF, fit, 28-44, under 5'7", trim, who enjoys an active, fun lifestyle, travel, is spontaneous, marriage-minded with good values, and has similar interests. Letters with photo. ☎1094

SJM, 45, ISO friend, movie buddy, potential life partner or? I have a great sense of humor and love travel, yoga, photography, movies, and new adventures. Most importantly, my friends tell me I'm a real mensch and your hobbies are less important to me than your character. I am looking for a friend who is smart, funny, compassionate, and adventurous. If this describes you, let's talk. ☎1048

Romantic, humorous, DWM, 52, seeks NS, friends first, marriage partner. Interests: travel, walking, nature, food, dancing, chocolate. ☎1080

Caring, communicative, confident, receptive, warm, optimistic, sincere, DWM, 50, 5'10". ISO fun-loving, DWF to share wonderful life together. ☎6885

SWM, 44, 5'11", seeks companion for conversation, outings, and friendship. Likes rock, jazz, classical, art, and science. Moderate lifestyle preferred. ☎1085

SWM seeks SWF for conversation, movies, dancing, companionship. I am 43, NS, energetic, eclectic in my interests, like to ski, love to laugh. ☎7265

SWM, 28, 6'1", future massage therapist, athletic, fit, happy, extremely attractive. Seeks same in a SAF for good times, possible relationship. Call for more details. ☎1028

DWPM, 52, 5'10", 145 lbs., physically active, looks 40ish. Prefers outdoors, simple pleasures, and natural alternatives. ISO partner with or without children to share personal growth and raise family in healthy home. Must be knowledgeable of and fairly skilled in the work of sustaining LTR. Marry for love, family, ability to work through conflict, and courage of commitment based in knowledge of other life choices. ☎1059

SWPM, 43, 5'8", fit, no dependents, intuitive, humorous, persevering, and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available, SWF for happy, healthy relationship. ☎1073

SWM, 32, 5'8", cute, lean, hard body, soft heart, sharp humor, smooth touch, obeys most laws. Seeks cute, sassy, smart, lean sweetheart, 21-35. ☎1081

DWM, 48, PhD, 5'9", 150 lbs. Researcher and farmer in environment, ecology, agriculture. ISO woman scientist to share rural life, foreign travels, romance. ☎6281

39, fit, and handsome. Prefers dark hair, red wine, real smiles, and water signs. Staring contests are cool too. ☎1071

GQ type, 6', Harvard graduate, eclectic, athletic, romantic, fun. Emotionally and financially secure. ISO SWPF, 28-36, sophisticated, attractive, secure, fun. ☎1082

SWPM, 42, special educator turned carpenter/musician, funny, eclectic, honest. ISO LTR with NS W for friends first. ☎1083

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SWM, 54, NS, widowed 2 years, starting to date. Some of my interests are: sailing, yoga, hiking, x-c skiing, travel, reading, movies, music, cooking, and conversation. Looking for active companionship, friendship leading to possible LTR. ♀1096

Magical romance: Widowed **WM**, retired senior, educator, social service worker, union organizer, activist, writer, speaker, magician. Guaranteed no boredom! ♀1095

Active, honest, attractive, **SWPM**, enjoys cozy fires, dining out, movies, and walks with my dog. ISO 30ish SWF to share quality time, possible LTR. ♀1049

SWM, fit, slim, intelligent, educated, honest, accommodating. Interests: books, movies, music, travel. ISO similar SWF, intelligent, compatible, attractive, late 30s-early 50s. ♀1012

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DPF with children looking to meet several of the same to get together monthly or so for dinner, lunch, movies, conversation, walks, or other outings. ♀1091

32-year-old male graduate student looking for friendly conversation. Enjoys coffees, lunches, shopping, music, and art. ♀1061

General Personals

FAKE AD CONTEST

Can you find the fake display ad in this issue of the Observer? If you can, you could win a \$25 gift certificate from one of our advertisers. One winner will be drawn from all correct entries received by noon, February 10. No phone entries, please. Send your answer to: Fake Ad, Ann Arbor Observer, 201 Catherine, AA 48104. Fax: 769-3375; E-mail: penny@aaobserver.com (include address and phone number).

Are you new in town? Ready to get out, meet new people, and involve yourself in the community? **The Ann Arbor Jaycees are what you are looking for!** As a leadership training organization for adults ages 21-39, we offer you the chance to improve yourself and your community while making new friends and having fun. Come see what we are all about at our membership meetings on the first Thursday of every month at Washtenaw Community College in the Morris J. Lawrence Bldg. at 7:30 p.m. Check us out at our website at www.a2jaycees.org, see the Events Calendar for our upcoming activities, or call 913-9629 for more information.

JEWISH SINGLES SUPPER PARTY April 16. New group forming. To receive invitation, send name, address, phone, and E-mail to j_aa_s@yahoo.com or JAAS, P.O. Box 130983, Ann Arbor, MI 48113.

ANN ARBOR SKI/SOCIAL CLUB

You don't have to ski to be involved! (But if you want to ski, we'll teach you!) The AASC offers year-round social and sports activities for singles/couples 21 and over from Ann Arbor and surrounding communities. Established organization averaging 600 members! Come check us out at our biweekly Thursday meetings, Feb. 3 and 17. Meetings start at 8 p.m., with socializing and beer/wine/pop bar after the formal meeting is over. Every other meeting is a "dance meeting," where a DJ plays tunes for dancing after the meeting (that's Feb. 3 this month). Meetings are held at the Schwaben Halle, upstairs at 217 S. Ashley St., one block west of Main St. between Liberty and Washington, in Ann Arbor. Upcoming activities include our gala **New Millennium Party** (otherwise known as the **Late New Year's Eve Party**) Sat., Feb. 5, at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth (dinner included; advance registration required), a **Cross-Country Skiing Outing** (if there's snow) or hiking (if there's no snow) with a pre-skiing brunch and apres-ski meal on Sun., Feb. 6, and **Open Volleyball Night** featuring both competitive and recreational play on Mon., Feb. 28 (advance registration required; space is limited). Ongoing activities include **Downhill Skiing Lessons at Mt. Brighton** on Tuesday nights (club members only), **Racing Instruction at Mt. Brighton** on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings (club members only), and a **Volleyball Clinic** on Monday nights. We also offer a variety of weekend cross-country ski trips in northern Michigan and Canada, and downhill skiing trips out west and in Canada (for club members only). To get more information on these events, including costs and sign-up procedures, call the Ann Arbor Ski Club Hotline at (734) 761-3419 or visit our website at www.a2skiclub.org. Or come to a meeting; or become a member and receive the member newsletter!

5 Reasons to Place a Personals Ad

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To respond to a Personals ad or browse Personals by phone
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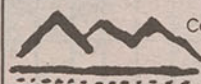
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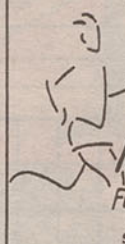
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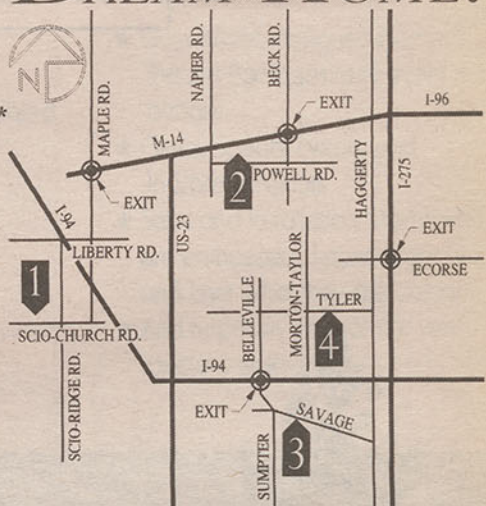
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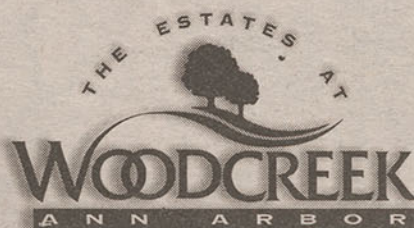
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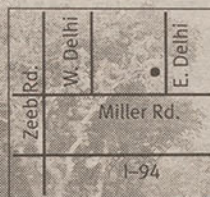
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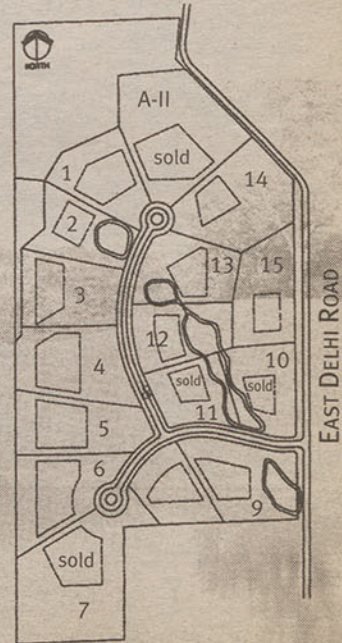
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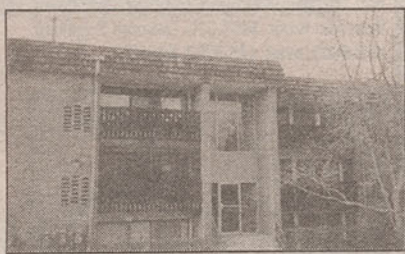
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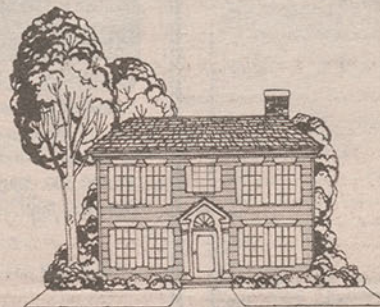


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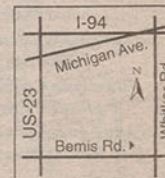


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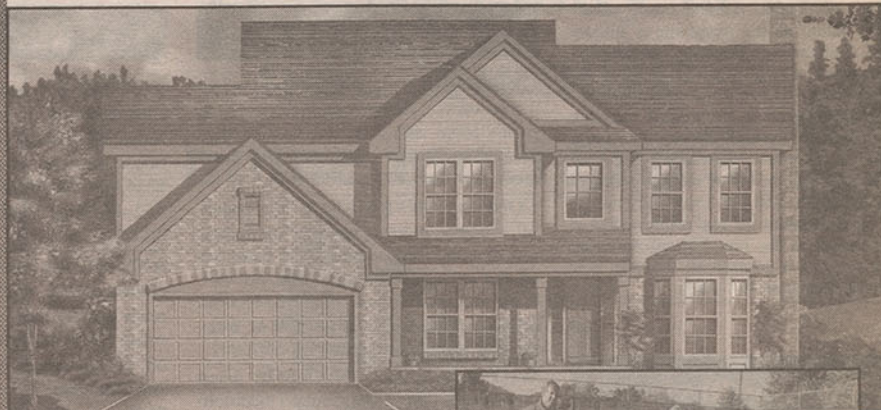
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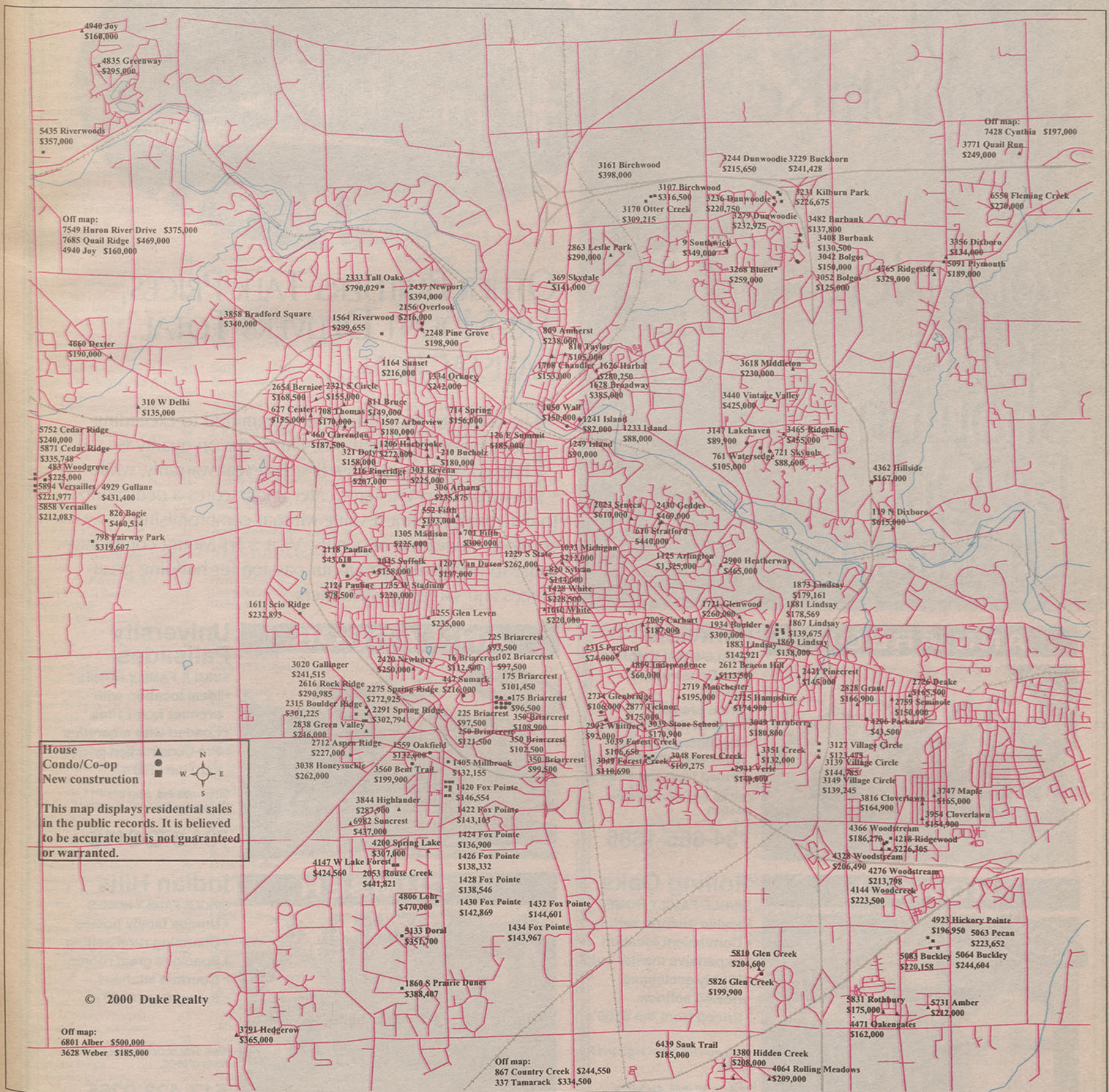


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by Sally Bjork

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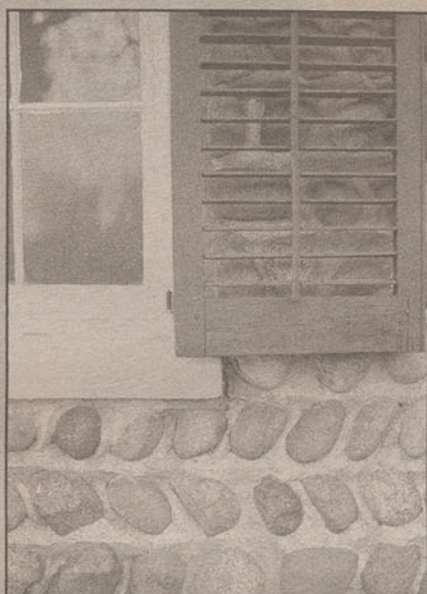
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To enter this month's contest, use the photo and riddle to find the spot shown, and send your entry to the address at the bottom of the page.

You'll find the cherub and acanthus-leaf facade depicted in the January I Spy (below) next to the Ark on Main Street. Built at the turn of the century for Crescent Works, a custom corset manufacturer, this building started offering less constricting merchandise as Kline's Department Store in the 1940s. Kline's was the last of Main Street's department stores, closing its doors in 1994. Atys, Jules, and Timbuktu Station,



among others, now occupy its old address at 306-310 South Main.

We had seven entries for January, six of which were correct. Carrie Marie Pew's entry on her custom greeting card showed essentially the same image as appeared in I Spy! Our winner, whose entry was drawn at random from all the correct ones, is Sheila Cummins of Ann Arbor. Sheila will receive the latest edition of *Historic Buildings: Ann Arbor, Michigan*, by Marjorie Reade and Susan Wineberg.



FAKE AD

by Jay Forstner

One of the things that make this little contest fun for us who create it is the personal messages readers include with their entries. Last month's Fake Ad for Ann Arbor Insect Control elicited more than its share of good ones, including this from Janet Goldwasser: "This winter we are again suffering our periodic (seasonal) invasion of boxelder bugs—little red-and-black beetles that crawl in to get warm and to drive us crazy. As I was swooping down on one of them with (would you believe?) a copy of the Observer, it fell open to the services ads on page 86. The Ann Arbor Insect Control ad caught my eye and saved the paper from this unapproved use." It didn't save the boxelder bug, though—Goldwasser dispatched it by other means.

Katie Mikesell of Ann Arbor spotted the ad—with the magic word, *arborweb*, split between "Ann Arbor" and the picture of a web—and her entry was drawn from the forty correct ones. She's taking her gift certificate to Dance Theater Studio.

To enter the contest for February, identify the Fake Ad by name and page number and let us know at the address below. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to any business advertising in this issue.

Send separate entries to Fake Ad or I Spy, Ann Arbor Observer, 201 Catherine, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Fax: (734) 769-4950. E-mail: penny@aaobserver.com. You must include your name, address, and telephone number! All correct entries received in the Observer office by noon on Thursday, February 10, are eligible for the February drawings.

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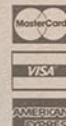
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Meredith Monk

Operas old and new sparkle onstage at the Power Center, where the New York City Opera Company presents Rossini's *Barber of Seville* February 17 and Meredith Monk offers her "science fiction chamber opera" *Magic Frequencies* February 9. Also, the Comic Opera Guild community ensemble presents *Carmen* at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater February 24-27.

A capsule guide to selected major events in February. See p. 47 for a complete listing of this month's Gallery, Band, and Events reviews. Daily events listings also begin on p. 47.

Ethnic & Traditional Music

- Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Feb. 4 & 5
- Mustard's Retreat (folk), Feb. 5
- Doudou N'Diaye Rose & the Drummers of West Africa, Feb. 10
- Triakel (Swedish), Feb. 15

Family & Kids' Stuff

- *Coming to America* (Wild Swan Theater), Feb. 17-19
- The Phoenix Ensemble & Gemini family concert, Feb. 20
- Ann Arbor Public Schools Orchestra Night, Feb. 24
- The Ark "Storytelling Weekend" children's concert, Feb. 26

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- American Legion Winter Carnival, Feb. 4-6
- Matthaei Botanical Gardens "Out of Africa" gala (Feb. 4) & family day (Feb. 5)
- Spinners' Flock Fleece Fair, Feb. 5
- Chinese New Year celebrations, Feb. 5, 19, & 20
- "Big Rack Night" deer hunters party, Feb. 5
- Washtenaw Community College Mardi Gras, Feb. 19
- Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club "Winter Spectacular," Feb. 20

Miscellaneous

- Kiwanis Rummage Sale, Feb. 4 & 5

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *Kollege* (U-M Basement Arts), Feb. 3-5
- *World Wide Rhythms* (U-M Dance Company), Feb. 3-6
- *Così fan tutte* (Michigan Opera Works), Feb. 3 & 6
- *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* (Performance Network), Feb. 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, & 24-27
- *The Lady's Not for Burning* (MorrisCo Art Theater), Feb. 3-6
- *Dames at Sea* (EMU Theater Department), Feb. 4-6 & 10-12
- Meredith Monk's *Magic Frequencies*, Feb. 9
- *Dusa, Fish, Stas, and Vi* (U-M Basement Arts), Feb. 10-12
- *Colored People's Time* (U-M Theater Department), Feb. 10-13
- *All in the Timing* (P.T.D. Productions), Feb. 10-13 & 17-19
- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Tappan Players), Feb. 17-19
- *The Barber of Seville* (New York City Opera), Feb. 17-19
- *Nothing on Earth* (Shameless Rainbow Youth Theater), Feb. 20-22
- *Got Angst?* (Community High School), Feb. 21-23
- Jazz Dance Theater, Feb. 24
- *The Investigation* (Concordia College), Feb. 24-26
- *Carmen* (Comic Opera Guild), Feb. 24-27
- *Amadeus* (Friends of the Michigan League), Feb. 25-27

Films

- Filmmaker Jennifer Montgomery's *Troika*, Feb. 6
- Ann Arbor Silent Film Society's "Harold Lloyd Show," Feb. 13

Classical & Religious Music

- Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 5
- Organist James Kibbie's "Complete Organ Works of J. S. Bach," Feb. 6, 20, & 27
- Chamber Music Ann Arbor, Feb. 6
- Japanese bamboo flutist Michael Gould, Feb. 9
- Arbor Opera Theater, Feb. 13
- Arianna String Quartet, Feb. 13
- Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Feb. 13
- Pianist Murray Perahia, Feb. 16
- Peter Soave Quintet, Feb. 19
- Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 20
- Violinist Christian Tetzlaff, Feb. 20
- T'ang Quartet, Feb. 25
- Boychoir of Ann Arbor, Feb. 27

Comedy & Performance Art

- Ann Arbor Poetry Slam, Feb. 1
- Comic Bill Thomas, Feb. 3-5
- Storyteller Peninnah Schram, Feb. 5
- Comic Sue Murphy, Feb. 10-12
- Comic Kirkland Teeple, Feb. 18 & 19
- Comic Keith Ruff, Feb. 24-26
- The Ark "Storytelling Weekend," Feb. 25 & 26

Pop, Rock, Blues, & Jazz

- Cowboy Junkies (rock 'n' roll), Feb. 2
- Beck (rock 'n' roll), Feb. 3
- Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band (zydeco), Feb. 4
- Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet (jazz), Feb. 4 & 5
- Moody Blues (pop-rock), Feb. 6

- The Mollys (folk-rock), Feb. 8
- Lowen & Navarro (folk-rock), Feb. 9
- Corey Harris (blues), Feb. 10
- The Limelitters (pop-folk), Feb. 13
- Moxy Fruvous (folk-rock), Feb. 15
- Junior Brown (honky-tonk), Feb. 16
- Eric Andersen (folkie singer-songwriter), Feb. 17
- Amazin' Blue (a cappella pop), Feb. 19
- Community High Jazz Ensemble, Feb. 19
- Ui (rock 'n' roll), Feb. 19
- Eric Bibb & Ellis Paul (singer-songwriters), Feb. 20
- Brad Shepik & the Commuters (jazz), Feb. 20
- Voices on the Verge (singer-songwriter ensemble), Feb. 22
- Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings (R&B), Feb. 24
- John Prine (singer-songwriter) & Maura O'Connell (Irish American chanteuse), Feb. 27
- Wayne "The Train" Hancock (country singer-songwriter), Feb. 29

Lectures & Readings

- Poets David Baker & Ann Townshend, Feb. 3
- Poets Will Alexander & Michael Palmer, Feb. 4
- Novelist Douglas Coupland, Feb. 8
- Fiction writer Lee K. Abbott, Feb. 10
- Novelist Robert Owen Butler, Feb. 14
- Elvis biographer Peter Guralnick, Feb. 15
- Architect Michael Benedikt, Feb. 18
- Novelist A. L. Kennedy, Feb. 22

"Only in Ann Arbor" Event of the Month

- "Seeds in the Winds of Change: A Forum on Genetically Engineered Foods," Feb. 12

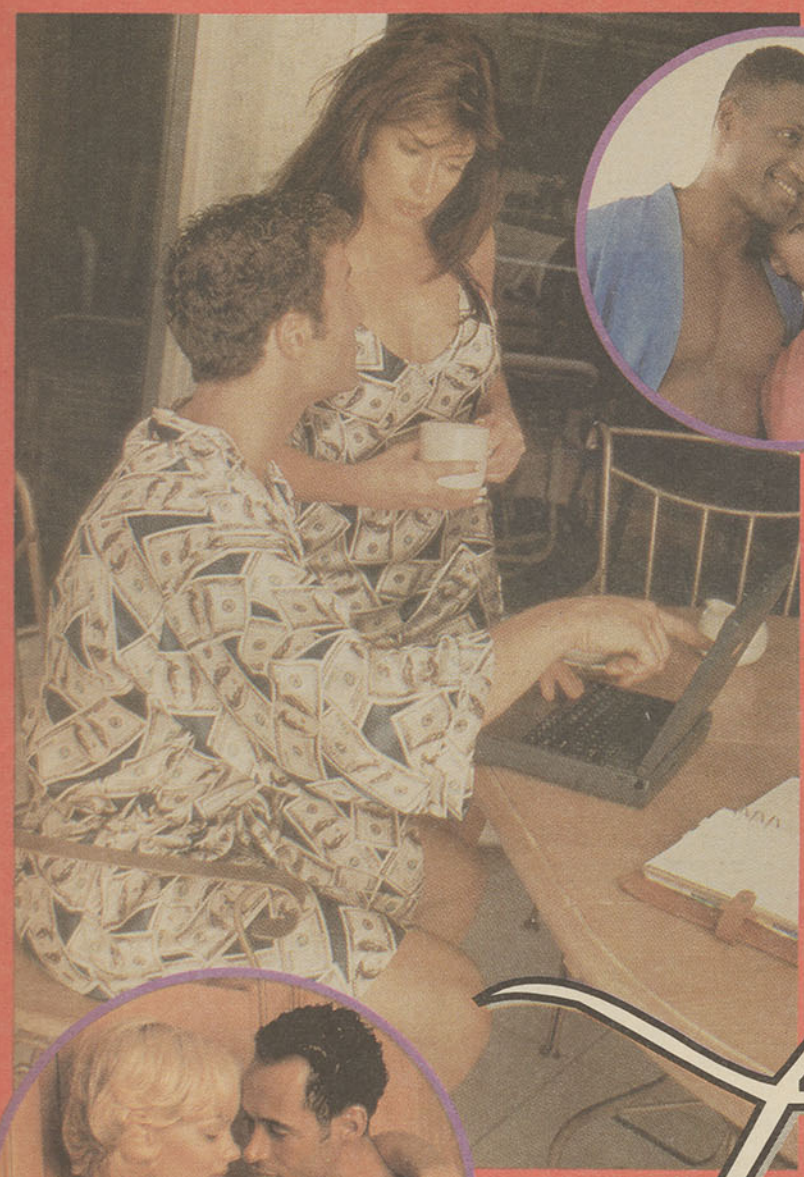
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